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AFFAIRS AT WASHINGTON

NO TARIFF CHANGES TO BE MADE.

SIGNIFICANT VOTES BY THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE ON SEVERAL MEASURES.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The action of the Committee of Ways and Means to-day upon several propositions to change the Tariff laws may be regarded as a certain indication that nothing will be done during the present session upon this important question. The bills to change the duties on sugars and steel rails, and the bill of Mr. Morrison proposing a horizontal reduction on a large number of articles of foreign manufacture were each rejected by a vote of 7 to 6. the first vote was taken on the bill of Mr. Gibson, which retains the present rate of duties on sugar, but authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to use the polariscope or other scientific tests to determine the saccharine strength. Those voting for this bill were Messrs. Wood, Gibson, Felton, Garfield, Kelley, and Conger, and those voting against it were Messrs. Tucker, Morrison, Phelps, Mills, Carlisle, Frye, and Dunnell. A motion to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of the sugar question was then carried by the same vote, and subsequently a motion made by Mr. Gibson to appoint a committee of five to inquire generally into the revenue system and to report at the next session of Congress, was also rejected by 7 to 6. The bill to reduce the rate of duty on steel rails from $28 per ton to $10 was rejected by the following vote: Yeas—Messrs. Gibson, Phelps, Felton, Garfield, Kelley, Conger, and Frye; Nays—Messrs. Wood, Tucker, Morrison, Mills, Carlisle, and Dunnell.

It is understood that an effort will be made to reconsider the vote by which the sugar question was postponed, but such an effect is not likely to succeed, for the reason that there is an evident disposition on the part of the committee, as well as the House, to avoid all tariff legislation during the present session. There is urgent necessity for legislative action on the sugar question, because the importers of sugars are in a state of uncertainty in regard to existing Treasury regulations touching the importation of that commodity. The Secretary has directed the use of the polariscope in testing centrifugal sugars to determine the rate of duty, which importers declare is unlawful, and all duties are paid under protest. It is alleged that this regulation of the department has seriously deranged the importation of sugar, because of the uncertainty of the rate of duty which will be assessed upon the arrival of cargoes in this country. With a fixed rate, such as is established by the color test, merchants say they can always determine when purchasing sugar in the West Indies what their cargoes will cost them landed at New-York, and as this cannot be done under the polariscope test, the effect of that test is to deter them from importing any but the lowest grade sugars.

SUBJECTS FOR ACTION BY CONGRESS.

THE LOUISVILLE AND PORTLAND CANAL—FOOD ADULTERATION—A SCHOOL OF FORESTRY.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—During 10 months of the year the navigation of the Ohio River is obstructed at Louisville, Ky., by a natural impediment known as the Rapids or the Falls. In 1825 the Louisville and Portland Canal Company built a canal around these rapids at a cost of over $1,000,000, the United States being an original stockholder to the amount of $233,500. The Government gradually bought the remainder of the stock, with its accrued dividends, until, in 1855, it owned all the shares except $500 worth. In 1874 he Government assumed sole management and control. The canal is the key to the system of navigation from the head waters of the Ohio to the Gulf of Mexico, and over 3,000 boats and barges pass through it each year. The tonnage of these boats in 1879 was nearly 1,000,000 tons. Until 1874 all steam vessels paid 50 cents a ton for the privilege of passage. Since that time the charges have been 10 cents per ton. The entire tonnage dues paid since the opening of the canal, in 1831, have been over $5,500,000. The House Committee on Railroads and Canals have made a favorable report upon a bill for the abolition of all tolls on the canal. Bills and resolutions for the accomplishment of this object have been reported by Congressional committees from time to time since 1834. The present committee report that the bill is in accord with treaties with France and Spain and acts of Congress, which provide for the absolute freedom of the Mississippi River and its tributaries as great national highways, unrestricted by toll, tax, or duty. Acts and official declarations are cited to show that for nearly half a century it has been the desire and interest of the Government to secure the free navigation of the Ohio at this point, and the committee believe that the time has now come to declare the canal free to the whole world.

The bill to prevent the sale of adulterated articles of food and drink in the District of Columbia and the Territories, the transportation of such articles from one State to another, and the importation of them from a foreign country, recently reported from the Committee on Manufactures by Mr. Beale, is accompanied by a report in which some interesting cases of adulteration are described. Six packages of coffee in the berry were bought in Baltimore and submitted to the chemist of the Agricultural Bureau. In each package the berries artifically colored outnumbered those which had not been colored, and in some cases the spurious were to the genuine as two to one. The colored berries had been passed through two cylinders, and in this way coated with a compound of chrome, the base of which is lead and bone-black. By this process each berry was given a polished surface and a greenish hue. When the coloring matter was burned and analyzed the residue contained chromate of lead, phosphate of calcium, and insoluble sulphate of barium. The committee say that the coloring cylinders are openly erected and used in the mills. The coloring is put on to improve the appearance of the berries and increase their market value. American citizens, in the opinion of the committee, have far surpassed the "Heathen Chinee" in the successful adulteration of tea. Samples of what was called good gunpowder tea in the Washington market were analyzed, and under the microscope this tea seemed to be one-half Prussian blue. In 100 parts only a trace of tea was found. There was only enough tea dust to give a tea odor to the compound. Reference is also made to glucose syrup and oleomargarine, the committee quoting George B. Angell's statement in regard to the latter, that more than 90,000,000 pounds were made in this country in 1878, and that he has discovered in specimens of it fungi, living organisms, and eggs resembling those of the tape-worm. Mr. Angell is also quoted as saying that a Western chemist found chloride of tin, a poison, in 12 out of 14 samples of sugars and syrups, and that a Western sugar-dealer testified that 99 out of 100 barrels of sugar recently sold in Chicago were adulterated. The adulteration of candy by the use of terra alba, a kind of white clay, and of liquors by the use of poisonous drugs, is mentioned. The bill offered in the Forty-fifth Congress proposed to regulate the sale of adulterated articles in the States. Because this exceeded the powers conferred by the Constitution upon Congress, the bill now reported has been substituted for it. Its action is limited to the District, the Territories, importation, and commerce between States.

Mr. McMillan introduced in the Senate to-day a bill for the establishment and maintenance of a school of forestry at St. Paul, Minn. In support of the proposed school the Government is called upon to grant 300 sections of the public lands of the State, to be selected by an agent appointed by the Governor, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. Not more than two sections are to be taken from any one township, and the sections selected are not to be mineral lands. The sections are then to be sold, and the proceeds invested in United States or other safe stocks, at not less than 4 per cent. interest. The capital is never to be diminished, and the interest is to be appropriated for the endowment and support of the school which shall give instruction in the science and practice of forestry, as adapted to the climate and soil of the State. Ten per cent. of the interest may be set apart for the purchase of lands for experimental cut-stations for tree-culture on prairie lands and forest-culture on timber lands, when such experiments shall be authorized by the Legislature. No part of the fund or interest is to be used in buying, erecting, or repairing the school building, and unless the school is provided with a suitable building and 40 acres of land for experimental timber-culture, within eight years, the grant is to cease. The State must employ at the head of the school a person of known qualifications in the science and practice of forestry, and the tuition is to be free. Pupils are to be admitted from any State. An annual report of the progress of the school and the results of its experiments is to be filed with the Librarian of Congress and the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

A bill introduced by Mr. Call in the Senate to-day amends the Revised Statutes so that the masters of steam vessels shall pay $10 for a license once in five years.

The House Committee on Commerce will give a hearing to-morrow to the advocates and opponents of various bills intended to secure the abolition of compulsory pilotage. Pilots from Northern and Southern ports and representatives of several maritime exchanges and the Vessel-owners' Association are in the city and will appear before the committee.

A bill introduced in the Senate to-day by Mr. Bailey, to refund the national debt, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, whenever bonds now outstanding shall become due, to issue bonds in exchange for them bearing 3 per cent. interest and redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after 20 years. It also provides for the issuing of $200,000,000 of notes bearing 3½ per cent. interest, redeemable after 2, and payable in 10 years from date of issue, but prohibits the redemption of more than $40,000,000 of these notes in any one fiscal year. It also amends the law of Feb. 26, 1879, authorizing the issue of certificates of deposits, limiting the amount outstanding at any one time to $50,000,000, fixing the rate of interest thereon at 3 per cent. per annum for one year, after which interest shall cease, and the certificates shall then be convertible, when presented in sums of $50 or over, into 3 per cent. bonds, such as are authorized by the bill. When converted into bonds, the certificates are to be canceled and destroyed, but the Secretary of the Treasury may, in his discretion, issue new certificates in place of those converted up to the limit of $50,000,000, until the aggregate amount of the bonds authorized by this act and of the certificates combined shall equal the amount of the bonds authorized by the bill. The certificates are not to be sold or converted at less than par.

THE BARGAIN WITH PINCHBACK.

HIS NOMINATION WITHDRAWN BY THE PRESIDENT—A CURIOUS THEORY AS TO THE CAUSE THEREFOR.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The withdrawal by the President of the nomination of ex-Gov. Pinchback, to be Naval Officer at the Port of New-Orleans, has caused even more comment than was occasioned by his nomination. The facts in connection with Pinchback's efforts to secure the Naval Office at New-Orleans have already been published in THE TIMES dispatches. It was well known that Secretary Sherman promised to appoint Pinchback, and that he went so far as to send his nomination to the President for signature. It was equally well known that the President declined to appoint Pinchback, and that in consequence that gentleman left Washington in a state of great wrath and vowing vengeance against the Administration. It was the knowledge of these facts that caused surprise when Pinchback's name was sent to the Senate last Friday. But the fact that it was sent led to the belief that Secretary Sherman had succeeded in effecting a reconciliation with the ex-Governor, and had made a satisfactory bargain with him in reference to the Chicago Convention. The withdrawal of Pinchback's name, however, has somewhat upset this theory, and considerable curiosity has been manifested to-day to know the cause and significance of this backing and filling by the President and the Secretary.

The explanation made at the White House in reference to the matter is substantially as follows: It is customary for the heads of departments to make out nominations and send them to the President. While this is an indication of the preference of the head of the department concerned for the nomination, it does not follow that such nomination will receive Executive approval. In Pinchback's case the nomination was laid aside, but, unfortunately, after the President had determined not to appoint Pinchback, the paper containing his name was not destroyed, and somehow got mixed with other nominations in the President's drawer awaiting signature. When these nominations were laid before the President on Friday last for signature, that of Pinchback being among them, inadvertently received the Executive approval, and was carried to the Senate by Mr. Pruyden, one of the President's secretaries. The mistake was discovered on Friday evening, after the Senate had adjourned. On Friday night, Mr. Rogers, by direction of the President, sent Mr. Lewis a telegram informing him that he was not to be removed and that Pinchback's nomination was a mistake.

There is, however, another history told of this affair. Mr. Sherman had promised Pinchback to have his name sent to the Senate, and that gentleman was so elated over his success that he rushed to the telegraph office and communicated the glad tidings to his friends in New-Orleans, who caused the same to be published in the papers of that city. This announcement induced Louis Kennare, Deputy Naval Officer, and Mr. Dumont, Chairman of the Republican State Committee, to send protests by telegraph to the President and Secretary Sherman against the removal of Lewis, and to follow them in person by fast trains to Washington. These gentlemen saw the President immediately following their arrival, and received a promise from him that Lewis should not be removed. Pinchback learned of this before his departure from Washington, and called upon Secretary Sherman, as described in a former dispatch to THE TIMES, and threatened, unless he fulfilled his promise to have his [Pinchback's] name sent to the Senate, he would return at once to New-Orleans and use his influence against the Secretary for the Chicago Convention. Pinchback left here under the belief that Mr. Sherman had deceived him, and had not, in fact, sent his nomination to the President, and it is just here, according to report, that Mr. Sherman's ingenuity is made apparent. If Pinchback's name could be sent to the Senate Mr. Sherman's word would be made good, even if the President afterward withdrew the nomination, and if it should be withdrawn, the act would be the President's, and Mr. Pinchback would be convinced that the Secretary having acted in good faith and carried out his part of the contract, he [Pinchback] should perform his and work for Sherman's nomination at Chicago. Those who accept this history of the affair express the belief that the President was induced to send Mr. Pinchback's name to the Senate in order to relieve Secretary Sherman from the embarrassing position in which he was placed by his promise to Pinchback, and for the purpose of convincing that gentleman that the Secretary did all that was possible for him to do to place Pinchback in possession of the Naval Office at New-Orleans.

ASSAILING GEN. PORTER'S CLAIMS.

SENATOR LOGAN BEGINS A LONG ARGUMENT AGAINST THE RELIEF BILL.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The debate upon the Fitz John Porter bill was continued in the Senate to-day by Gen. Logan, who spoke for two hours, but did not complete his argument. The galleries were crowded with visitors, and Gen. Logan's address secured the undivided attention of the Senate. In that part of the gallery reserved for the guests of Senators, surrounded by ladies, sat Gen. Fitz John Porter, a quiet man of soldierly bearing, whose pale and immovable face betrayed none of the emotion which he must have felt while his claims were undergoing the severest scrutiny, and the justice and unchangeable character of the decision which removed him from the Army in disgrace were being so strongly affirmed upon the floor of the Senate. Gen. Sherman was a listener, occupying Senator Ingalls's seat, and Gen. Garfield and Gen. McCook were present during part of the address. Gen. Logan took a position in the centre of the chamber, directly in front of the Vice-President's chair. He spoke with great earnestness, and supported his argument by well chosen and and apparently irrepressible authorities. His introduction was a reply to Mr. Randolph, and its most effective passage was the one in which he used, to the disadvantage of the claimant, Mr. Randolph's unfortunate comparison of his case with that of Benedict Arnold. The course of his argument was broken only by a good-natured colloquy between the Speaker and Senator Hill, of Georgia, in which the latter was badly worsted. Gen. Logan yielded at 3:30 to a motion for an executive session, but it is probable that he will occupy as much time to-morrow. No sectional or partisan feeling has been developed thus far in the debate.

CABINET DISCUSSIONS.

EMBARRASSMENT CAUSED BY SILVER CERTIFICATES—THE INDIAN TERRITORY QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—At the Cabinet meeting to-day there was a protracted discussion on financial subjects. Secretary Sherman stated that the silver in the Treasury was constantly increasing, and that it was extremely difficult to circulate it owing to the convenience of silver certificates, which are invariably preferred to coin. An instance as to how the Government is being embarrassed by the silver certificates was given, which was to the effect that a person desiring to transport gold from San Francisco to New-York would apply to the Assistant Treasurer at the former city for a stated amount of silver dollars in exchange for a like amount of gold, and upon receiving the silver would demand silver certificates therefor, and by mailing the certificates to New-York, he would avoid the cost of transporting the coin. On this account, the Secretary of the Treasury thought that silver certificates were a great hindrance to the free circulation of silver coin.

A communication from Gen. Pope regarding the proposed invasion of the Indian Territory was brought to the attention of the Cabinet, in which instructions were asked upon the question of interference by troops in case there should be an attempt made to invade the Territory. It was decided that the troops could not act independently, but must await a request from the Department of the Interior before proceeding to make arrests. The question was asked in the communication, "If arrests are made, what shall be done with the prisoners?" It was decided that if the arrests became too numerous to be governed by the Marshals, the fact should be at once reported to Army Head-quarters. It appears from the communication that permits have been issued to persons to go into the Territory with herds. Gen. Pope states this liberty is abused. When the herders get into the Territory they build scaffolding to protect themselves from the weather while herding, and often times the scaffolding is repeatedly improved, until at last it becomes a settlement. It is understood that the permits already issued for this purpose will be revoked.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

YELLOW FEVER ON THE MARION—THE QUESTION OF SENIORITY IN PROMOTIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Secretary Thompson to-day received the following cable message from Montevideo in regard to the yellow fever on the United States steam-ship Marion: "Wike died on the 26th ult. Sick improving. No new cases." This death makes three of the Marion's officers and crew that have fallen by the fever, the other two being Lieut. Wallis and Apprentice Rogers. Wike is Cadet Midshipman Harvey Wike. He was a native of Illinois, and was appointed to the Naval Academy from that State Sept. 16, 1876.

Orders have been issued by the Secretary of the Navy directing the transfer of all enlisted men of the United States ship Franklin who have been two years on board that ship, also those that have been one year without having been to sea during their present enlistment, to the Marine Barracks at Norfolk, Va.; those on board the Colorado to Brooklyn; those on the Wabash to Boston; and those on the St. Louis to League Island, Penn.

Assistant Surgeons W. R. Dubose, C. T. Hibbett, J. M. Steele, T. H. Dickson, and C. W. Deane, and Assistant Engineer Henry T. Cleaver have been ordered to be examined for promotion.

Nearly the whole of to-day's executive session of the Senate was devoted to discussion in regard to the case of Lieut. Woodhull S. Schenck, a nephew of Gen. Schenck, nominated to be Assistant Quartermaster and Captain in the Marine Corps. This nomination was reported adversely from the Committee on Naval Affairs a fortnight ago, and was to-day opposed by members of that committee and various other Senators on the grounds that the proposed promotion would "jump" Lieut. Schenck over the heads of some 30 or 35 senior officers, and that, although a meritorious officer, the Senate should reject his nomination as a means of putting a stop to the practice of disregarding seniority. On the other hand, it was argued that the President had in this instance judiciously exercised a lawful prerogative of selection, and that the Senate could not, without unjust discrimination, reject the nomination after confirming a number of similar promotions during the past few years, including that of Major Goodloe, of the same corps, a son-in-law of Senator Beck, who was promoted from a Lieutenancy to be Major and Paymaster. The roll-call on the question of confirming Lieut. Schenck's nomination resulted—yeas 24, nays 18; whereupon Senator McPherson, Chairman of the Naval Committee, changed his negative to an affirmative vote, and entered a motion to reconsider. The Senate adjourned, leaving the case suspended on this motion.

The leave of absence granted First Lieut. G. F. Chase, Third Cavalry, has been further extended one month. The leave granted Second Lieut. O'Connor, Twenty-third Infantry, has been extended two weeks.

WESTERN SNOW BLOCKADE.

BISMARCK, Dakota Territory, March 2.—Another outfit, with snow-plow and 70 men, left here to-day to help in clearing the track between Bismarck and Fargo. No trains have arrived since Feb. 15. The snow melts somewhat during the day, but freezes at night, and the snow-plows do little service. The cause, and only cause, of all the delay is the low track. Experienced railroad men state that if 20 miles of track were raised one foot between Bismarck and Fargo, there would be no trouble. Superintendent Towne suggested this two years ago, but the company did not do it. There is much damage to business consequent on the non-arrival of the mail for months. Many Army officers and business men have sent a protest to Washington, alleging that the company should have sent the mails overland during the blockade.

TROUBLES WITH WORKMEN.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, March 2.—The strike on contract No. 15 of the Canada Pacific Railway has terminated, the men receiving their pay.

NEWBURG, West Va., March 2.—More trouble is anticipated in this county with the miners. The Austin and Newburg and the O'Neal Coal Companies' miners will demand an advance next Monday. They had been on strike for over 18 months until a few weeks ago, when they accepted the operators' terms. It is intimated that the operators will stop the work rather than comply with the miners' demands.

A TELEGRAPH TO BERMUDA.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, March 2.—English advices received here by steamer, say it is understood that the question of establishing telegraphic communication with Bermuda is now being considered by the Colonial Office, the isolated position of that important station and naval depot having been recognized by the Commission on Colonial Defense.

THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

JOHN SHERMAN'S QUEER WORK IN VIRGINIA.

A CUSTOMS OFFICER DISMISSED BECAUSE HE SUPPORTED GEN. GRANT—THE COLORED PEOPLE ORGANIZING TO OPPOSE THE SECRETARY.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Secretary Sherman continues his efforts to secure, by means of the Treasury Department, the vote of Virginia in the Republican convention, although his opponents confidently believe that he cannot succeed. His latest ascertained movement is the summary removal of John T. Hoskins from the office of Collector of Customs at Tappahannock, and the appointment of Benjamin Upton, Jr., in his place. Hoskins was removed yesterday. He had been Collector for nearly four years, and his term would have expired April 23. There were no charges against him, and no reason is assigned for his removal except that he is an outspoken supporter of ex-President Grant. To support his claims for reappointment he had secured the indorsement of all the Republican members of the Virginia Legislature and of many prominent Republicans in the State. He was also well recommended by the Commissioner of Customs as a faithful and efficient officer. But he did not support Secretary Sherman for the Presidency, and his head dropped in the basket. It is understood that this is a part of Sherman's plan by which he means to carry that Congressional district for himself and John Woltz, who was removed from the position of Postmaster at Fredericksburg about 18 months ago. Woltz was given a clerkship in the Treasury by Sherman after his removal. He has recently resigned this clerkship and had his brother appointed in his place, so that he can carry on his campaign and that of Sherman in Virginia.

The colored people of Virginia have recently taken action against the efforts of Secretary Sherman to secure that State, by making arrangements for a large meeting in Richmond. The State Central Committee, which met some weeks ago, is composed mainly of office-holders, who declined to serve upon the committee when the President issued his civil service order, but they were induced to withdraw their resignations not long ago, and at the meeting they talked loudly for Sherman. The colored people of the State are almost without exception in favor of the renomination of ex-President Grant, and they are determined to express their preference in some way. Therefore, they have made arrangements for a meeting to be held in Richmond the last of this month. The attitude of the colored people against Sherman has induced some of the Secretary's lieutenants to discontinue their labors. S. P. Bailey, who was made an Inspector of Internal Revenue in the Alexandria district, has abandoned the work which he began, and it is announced that he has mounted the fence. One Detendorf, who was appointed an Inspector of Customs at Norfolk a few weeks ago, has declined to serve, and it is said that he reached this conclusion because he found that the political work which he was required to do was both disagreeable and useless.

STATE CHARTER ELECTIONS.

RESULTS IN SEVERAL CITIES—REPUBLICAN SUCCESSES AND GAINS.

ELMIRA, March 2.—Alexander Diven, (Rep.,) was elected Mayor to-day by 508 majority over Frank H. Atkinson, (Dem.) A few hundred votes were cast for Thaddeus C. Cowen, (Grbk.,) and David Decker, (Temp.)

COHOES, March 2.—The charter election in this city to-day, resulted in the re-election of Mayor William E. Thorn, (Republican,) by 750 majority. The Republicans also elect Police Commissioner, five Aldermen, five School Commissioners, and the balance of the city ticket by overwhelming majorities.

RONDOUT, March 2.—Charles Bray, Republican, was elected Mayor of Kingston by 400 majority. A Republican Board of Aldermen was elected. The Democrats gain one Supervisor in the city.

TROY, March 2.—In the charter election to-day, the Democrats elected Justice of the Justices' court, two School Commissioners, Assessor, and seven Aldermen. The Republicans elected two School Commissioners and six Aldermen. In some wards Democrats voted for Supervisor to test the constitutionality of the new city charter providing that Supervisors shall be elected in the Fall.

AUBURN, N. Y., March 2.—The charter election resulted in the choice of a Democratic Recorder by 218 majority, and Republican Assessor, Police Commissioner, and constables. Republican Supervisors were elected in nine wards of the ten, and six Aldermen.

ITHACA, March 2.—At the charter election, to-day, Platts, Democrat, was elected President by 45 majority; last year a Democratic majority was 357. McKinney, Republican, was elected Collector; last year a Democrat was elected by a majority of 414. Hart, Democrat, was re-elected Treasurer. The Democrats elect a Trustee in the First Ward, and the Republicans in the Second, Third, and Fourth Wards. Last year the Democrats carried all four wards, and every officer, except one Fire Warden.

NEWBURG, March 2.—At the charter election here to-day the Democrats elected Abram S. Cassedy Mayor by about 300 majority. Two years ago the Republicans elected C. H. Weygant Mayor by 55 majority. The Democrats also elect most of the other city officers, and three out of the four Aldermen, making the Common Council a tie. The Republicans elect three of the four Supervisors.

ROME, March 2.—At the city election to-day, George H. Weaver, Democrat, was elected Justice by 380 majority. The Democrats elect 3 out of 5 Supervisors, and 4 out of 6 Aldermen. The Common Council stands 15 Democrats, 2 Republicans, and 2 doubtful.

OSWEGO, N. Y., March 2.—At the charter election, Emerson J. Hamilton, (Rep.) was elected Mayor, by 121 majority, over Robert Gorden, (Dem.) The Republicans elect five Aldermen and the Democrats three; Republicans, four Supervisors, and Democrats four. The entire Republican ticket, except Justice of the Peace, is elected.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 2.—Parsons, (Rep.,) was re-elected Mayor by 4,500 majority over Fitzsimmons, (Dem. and Grbk.) Parsons has already served two terms as Mayor. Williams, (Dem.,) was re-elected City Treasurer by 3,000 majority over Bower, (Rep. and Grbk.) Gerling, (Dem.,) was elected member of the Executive Board by a small majority. Five Democratic and 3 Republican Aldermen were elected, making the Common Council stand 9 Democrats and 7 Republicans. The Board of Education, as newly constituted, stands 10 Republicans and 6 Democrats. The Commissioners and Board of Supervisors are doubtful.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., March 2.—The returns from nearly all the towns in Dutchess County show a large Republican increase in the vote, and though two or three towns are yet to be heard from, the indications are that the Republicans will have a majority in the Board of Supervisors.

HORNELLSVILLE, N. Y., March 2.—J. W. Near, who was renominated on the Republican ticket, was elected President to-day.

UTICA, N. Y., March 2.—J. Thomas Spriggs, Democrat, was elected Mayor to-day by 826 majority. The Common Council is a tie. Seven out of twelve Supervisors elected in this city are Republicans.

THE MAINE BRIBERY INQUIRY.

AUGUSTA, Me., March 2.—The investigation of the Wallace R. White bribery case was continued by the Legislative committee this afternoon and evening. The cross-examination of T. B. Swan was resumed, and the testimony of E. H. Gove, ex-Secretary of State Solon Chase, and Harriman was also taken. Both Swan and Harriman swore to having received money from White, and repeated the details already given in previous statements by them, while Messrs. Gove and Chase testified to their knowledge of the part the others took in consenting to receive $1,000 from White in consideration of resigning their election certificates. Swan said he was willing to deliver the money to White if he would call for it, confess that he paid it, and acknowledge who gave it to him; otherwise he should give it to a charitable institution. Harriman testified that the $1,000 he received from White was now in bonds held by his [Harriman's] brother; that he took it to detect crime, and not for gain, and holds it subject to the order of the man who paid it.

BLAINE SUPPORTED AT HOME.

ENTHUSIASM IN HIS OWN DISTRICT—PORTLAND SENDS A SOLID DELEGATION.

AUGUSTA, Me., March 2.—A convention of the solid men of Mr. Blaine's old district assembled in this city to-day, to elect delegates to the Republican National Convention. All parts of the district were well represented. The convention was large and entirely harmonious. There was only one feeling among Republicans as to the nominee of the Chicago Convention. The name of James G. Blaine was on every lip and in every heart. There was no division in regard to delegates, the gentlemen selected being known as steadfast friends of Mr. Blaine, and among the ablest political workers in the State, with a very large acquaintance among the prominent and leading men of other States who will be present at convention. It is as efficient a delegation as could be selected in the district. The resolutions were unanimously adopted and heartily cheered. They are the sentiment of the district which Mr. Blaine served in the House for 13 years. There is not an unmeaning word or line in them, as none better know than the friends, neighbors, and constituents of Mr. Blaine, by whom they were enthusiastically adopted. The Legislative convention will speak to-morrow evening; in the election of delegates at large, as unanimously, and heartily as the district convention did to-day, and soon the whole State will have uttered its voice for the nomination of James G. Blaine.

PORTLAND, Me., March 2.—The Republicans of the First District, in convention to-day, nominated as delegates to Chicago, William W. Thomas, Jr., of Portland, and Joseph R. Libbey, of Biddeford, and as alternates Dr. William Osgood, of North Yarmouth, and Elisha H. Jewett, of South Berwick. A resolution was adopted strongly favoring the nomination of Senator Blaine, to whom the delegates are pledged, and condemning "the stealing of the State of Maine by the Fusionists."

THE LOUISIANA DEMOCRATS.

GOV. WILTZ'S EMBARRASSMENT—REBELS TO HAVE THE BEST OFFICES.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., March 2.—Gov. Wiltz has been in office six weeks, but none of the important offices at his disposal has been filled. The Governor probably realizes that the gift of patronage is a dangerous one; that there are too many interests to be propitiated, and he will not fill his offices so long as he can avoid it. Wiltz has been in the past classed as a Conservative, but a combination of circumstances has driven him into an extreme attitude, and those nearest to him say his appointments will be Bourbon in the fullest. The Supreme Judges will be appointed on their secession or war records, and only extreme State rights Democrats need apply. The New-Hampshire suit will be fought to the bitter end. The Legislature has a great deal of legislation to attend to, made necessary by the new Constitution; but not a single act of importance has yet been performed, and its term is two-thirds over. An extra session is considered inevitable. The Mayor of the city to-day communicated to the Speaker of the House that a member had approached a high city officer, and promised, for the sum of $7,000, to have the new city charter passed, so as to retain in office the present Administration until 1884. The matter caused a breeze in the House, and an investigation will be had. The Revenue bill, setting apart 3 mills of the 6-mill tax for interest on State bonds seems sure to pass the House, and the indications are that it will become a law.

THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Republican Congressional Committee, held in this city this evening, Edward McPherson, of Philadelphia, was elected Secretary in place of William E. Chandler, whose term of office has expired.

ELECTIONS IN MAINE.

HALLOWELL, March 2.—The municipal election here resulted in the choice of the Hon. J. R. Bodwell, the Republican candidate for Mayor, by a vote of more than three to one. The members elect of the city Government are mostly Republicans.

THE IOWA REPUBLICANS.

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 2.—A call will be published to-morrow for a Republican State Convention, to be held here April 14, for the purpose of selecting delegates to Chicago.

THE CZAR'S ANNIVERSARY.

A GALA DAY AT THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL—THE CZAR ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 2.—The decrees granting pardons to prisoners, remitting arrears of taxes owing by the rural population, and awarding orders of distinction have been published. All the members of the Council of the Empire, including the Chancellor, Prince Gortschakoff, proceeded, at 11:30 o'clock this morning, to the Winter Palace, and presented a congratulatory address to the Emperor.

The *Official Messenger* publishes a letter from the Emperor William, countersigned by Prince Bismarck, congratulating the Czar, in terms of warm and earnest friendship, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession to the throne and on his escape from injury by the recent explosion in the Winter Palace. The Emperor William expresses his gratification that the friendship which united their fathers has been maintained, and his confidence that it will continue unchanged to the end of his life.

The city is gayly decorated, and the day is being observed as a general holiday in honor of the anniversary. At 10 o'clock this morning vast crowds assembled before the Winter Palace. The troops were massed in the central quadrangle of the palace and the immediate vicinity. The programme of the ceremonies heretofore given was executed. The Czar appeared on the balcony of the palace where he remained 20 minutes saluting the multitude amid great enthusiasm. After the Czar had received the congratulations of the enormous crowd at the palace, he drove out in an open carriage, and was loudly and continuously cheered in the crowded streets through which he passed. No disturbances whatever have occurred.

The report of the arrest of Vera Sassulitch proves to be unfounded. It is believed that the rumor of her presence in St. Petersburg was circulated purposely to mislead the authorities.

CURRENT FOREIGN TOPICS.

BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 3.—The report of the disruption of the alliance between Bolivia and Peru is contradicted.

BERLIN, March 2.—The Reichstag to-day resolved, in accordance with Herr Von Bennigsen's motion, to refer the Army bill to a committee of 20.

PARIS, March 2.—Mr. Noyes, the American Minister, has returned from his tour to the East, Africa, and Spain, and resumed his functions.

LONDON, March 2.—An election was held at Drogheda to-day, to fill the seat in the House of Commons made vacant by the death of Mr. O'Leary, Home Ruler. Mr. Whitworth, Liberal, was elected, receiving 382 votes. McCoan, the Home Rule candidate, received 181 votes.

In the House of Commons, to-day, Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, proposed that Mr. Grissell, who was at the last session of Parliament arrested for a breach of privilege, in having declared his ability to bribe a Parliamentary committee, but who was discharged from custody on the expiration of the session, be rearrested and reprimanded. In consequence of a general feeling in the House that this would be too mild treatment, the proposal was withdrawn, and a motion was unanimously passed that Mr. Grissell be arrested and brought to the bar of the House.

A dispatch from Teheran to Reuter's Telegram Company says: "The idea of a Persian expedition to Afghan Seestan, and eventually to Herat, has been abandoned on account of the political difficulties likely to result therefrom."

MUSICAL DISCORD IN CINCINNATI.

THEODORE THOMAS AND THE COLLEGE OF MUSIC—THE TWO SIDES OF THE QUARREL.

CINCINNATI, March 2.—The trouble in the Cincinnati College of Music, referred to last Fall in dispatches to THE TIMES, has broken out afresh, and this time promises to be more difficult of adjustment. For the past two weeks matters have been approaching a crisis. The Directors have been secretly engaged in negotiations looking to an amicable settlement, and few have been aware that anything was wrong. Some one possessed of the secret, however, has given a suggestion to newspapers outside of Cincinnati, and now the whole story will come out. The trouble finds its basis in a disagreement between Theodore Thomas, the Director, and George Ward Nichols, the President. Each is determined to be the real head of the institution or nothing, and each has his own peculiar notions of policy to be pursued. When Mr. Thomas went to New-York, in January, to conduct the Philharmonic concerts, he left behind a letter, addressed to the Directors, in which he demanded certain radical changes in the management; unless these reforms were agreed to, he begged to offer his immediate resignation. The changes which he deemed necessary were the abolition of the loose methods of conducting the college; the requirement that students should matriculate for a certain fixed course, and not be allowed to come in and take a few cheap lessons as they would go to a private teacher; the establishment of two terms a year, and whatever other reforms were necessary to make the institution a real college of music and him the real and undisputed head. A month passed and his demands were not complied with. Two weeks ago, when he again went to New-York, he left another letter, restating his ultimatum and requesting prompt action; if the changes were not made, he said he should regard the effort to establish a music school as futile. The Directors then appointed a sub-committee of three to mature a plan of reform. It reported a few minor changes, but ignored the radical ones demanded by Mr. Thomas. Thereupon the Director became angry. Further correspondence between him and Gen. A. T. Goshorn has not improved the situation, and it now looks as if reconciliation is impossible. Still, Mr. Thomas has not resigned, and to all outward appearances the affairs of the college were never more prosperous or harmonious.

President Nichols, who has given his entire time to the college from the start, free of charge, and who has staked his reputation on its success, is disposed to make a strong fight. He has secured the support of the Directors, and is strongly intrenched. He has in his possession a letter written by Mr. Lowry, of New-York, a partner of Clarkson N. Potter, and intimate friend of Theodore Thomas, which goes to show that Mr. Thomas's real desire is to return to New-York, but to remain the nominal head of the college here. This he is using to strengthen his position. He has also, it is understood, telegraphed to Brahms, the German composer, with a view to securing his services in case of an emergency. When approached this evening upon the subject of the quarrel, Mr. Nichols refused to say anything except that the relations between him and Mr. Thomas were harmonious, and that there was no trouble in the college. Mr. Thomas was under a five years' contract to remain in Cincinnati, and he would stay. What the effect of the rupture will be on the May festival cannot be told at this stage of the proceedings.

SENATOR BEN HILL IN TROUBLE.

CHARGED WITH SEDUCTION AND SUED FOR $10,000 DAMAGES.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Suit was entered in this city to-day by Mrs. Belva Lockwood, attorney, in behalf of Mrs. Jessie Raymond, of Alabama, a woman of 28 years, against Senator Benjamin H. Hill, of Georgia, for seduction, the damages being laid at $10,000. Mrs. Raymond came to this city about four weeks ago with her little son. She applied to Senator Hill for money with which to support herself and child, but he refused to have anything to do with her, and denied that she had any claim upon him. She then enlisted ex-Congressman Pelham, of Alabama, in her behalf, and secured his services as counsel. Mr. Pelham endeavored to induce Senator Hill to contribute something to the woman's support, but the Senator denied that he was guilty of the offense with which he was charged by the woman, and again refused to help her. She then engaged Mrs. Lockwood to take charge of her case, and Mrs. Lockwood represented to Senator Hill that Mrs. Raymond needed $500 for her present necessities. It is asserted by the woman's friends that Senator Hill then offered to provide new and suitable clothing for her, to pay her debts, and to aid her in leaving the city. Mrs. Lockwood holds a letter, said to have been written by Senator Hill to Mrs. Raymond while the latter was in Alabama.

The plaintiff's petition in the suit sets forth that she was seduced by the defendant Nov. 7, 1877, the latter taking advantage of the fact that she was friendless and alone. She also asserts that the child, whom she named Thomas Benjamin Hill, was born Aug. 1, 1878, as the result of her intimacy with the defendant; that before her seduction she was of good character, but that in consequence of it she has been rendered friendless and homeless. She asks that the matter be inquired into by the country. The petition also sets forth that the plaintiff has received $30 from the defendant in installments of $5 each. It is said that Senator Hill will be summoned into court to-morrow from the Senate Chamber by civil process.

Senator Hill, in conversation to-night, said that he had not received notice of the suit, declared that it was a case of black-mail, and that he would have all the parties to the suit arrested upon a charge of conspiracy.

CHARGING MORE FOR COAL.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2.

general propositions on Sunday, with the amendment of brass bands, passed by a vote of 75 to 1, Mr. Skinner being the only negative vote.

The Committee on Banks decided this afternoon to report favorably the bill fixing the rate of interest and dividends for savings banks and institutions in this State at 4 per cent. They will also report favorably Mr. Duell's bill authorizing the Governor to appoint three Commissioners, without salary, to revise and compile the laws relating to banks and banking institutions. A letter from Mr. Seymour A. Dunn, of the Bowery Savings Bank, advocating the Four Per Cent bill, was received and read to the committee.

THE DANNEMORA RAILROAD.

SUPERINTENDENT PILSBURY BEFORE THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

ALBANY, March 2.—After some delay, and with the fact staring it in the face that its extension of time has almost expired, the committee to investigate the Dannemora Railroad lease met again this afternoon, to continue its examination of witnesses. Frank S. Smith, of Angelica, son of Dr. Smith, a candidate for Health Officer for New-York, appeared of the Attorney-General, to conduct the examination of Mr. Pilsbury, Superintendent of Prisons. Mr. Matthew Hall and Mr. Henry Smith appeared, respectively, for the Chateaugay Railroad and for Superintendent Pilsbury. The Superintendent was the first witness. He testified that the bill providing for the building of the road was brought to him by Mr. Mooers, and that at his suggestion some changes were made in it. He gave some account of the arrangement made with the contractors for an increase of pay of convicts, by which increased pay an additional income of $20,000 a year would be secured to the State. The reason for increasing the contract price from 25 to 40 cents was that transportation was made more certain, and the opening of the road would open competition on the part of the other contractors, who would not otherwise care to bid for the labor. The witness insisted that he should have as much per day for each convict, when the road was built, as was paid for convict labor in other prisons. It did not cost the State any more to build the road as he built it than it would to have built it by contract.

IN FAVOR OF FIVE-CENT FARES.

A REPORT SHOWING THE ABUSES IN ELEVATED ROAD AMALGAMATION — LOW FARES RECOMMENDED.

ALBANY, March 2.—Mr. Orange L. Tozier, the "mathematical gentleman" from Wyoming, who took a stand against speedily reporting the Five-cent Elevated Railroad Fare bill to the House, rose in the Assembly this morning to speak to a question of privilege in regard to some statements that have been published concerning his somewhat erratic course toward the measure in question. In connection with this bill, Mr. J. L. Wells, of Westchester, who is a friend of the reduction proposed, desires to have it understood that it is not he, but Mr. David A. Wells, of Fulton, who is against the Grosse bill. Mr. D. A. Wells is connected with the Fonda and Johnstown Railroad, and is convinced that the Grosse bill is an act of injustice, and would precipitate the elevated railroads into bankruptcy.

The report of the Sub-committee of the Special Railroad Committee, whose investigations are set forth in its report, submitted to-day, does not agree with the obstructing members of the Assembly committee. Its report has the merit of being short, and it is plain enough to everybody. The report is as follows:

The undersigned, the committee appointed in pursuance of the resolutions adopted Feb. 28, March 12, and March 27, 1879, to investigate the abuses alleged to exist in the management of the railroads chartered by the Legislature of this State, and report concerning their powers, contracts, and obligations, have the honor to submit a supplemental report relative to the elevated railroads of the City of New-York. The investigation of these roads has not been completed, owing to the pressure of time and the necessity of preparing the report relative to the general subject of the investigation necessitated the appointment of a sub-committee to complete this branch of the investigation. Accordingly Messrs. Baker, Dugald, and Kelly were appointed for that purpose. They subsequently met in the City of New-York, and continued the particular subject of inquiry referred to them, assisted by the Hon. F. J. Pithian in the examination of the witnesses. Through the courtesy of the Hon. Hamilton Seymour, Jr., State Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. J. E. Sweet, Jr., was assigned to the committee as an expert engineer, the result of whose examination of the elevated railroads, their construction, operation, and management, is embraced in his able and exhaustive report addressed to Mr. Baker, Chairman of the Sub-committee, herewith annexed and respectfully submitted as part of this supplemental report. The interests of the several elevated railroad companies were represented by John J. McCook, Esq., of New-York, their counsel.

The elevated railroads in New-York, namely, the Metropolitan Elevated Railway Company and the New-York Elevated Railroad Company, are operated by the Manhattan Railroad Company. The New-York Elevated Railroad Company was organized Dec. 5, 1871, with a capital stock, as its charter, of $1,000,000. The Metropolitan Elevated Railroad Company was incorporated under the name of the Gilbert Elevated Railway Company, by an act of the Legislature in 1872, the present name having been authorized by an order of the Supreme Court, dated June 6, 1878. Its capital stock, as by charter, is $3,500,000.

The Manhattan Railway Company was organized, as appears by the articles of association, dated Nov. 10, 1875, and filed in the office of the Secretary of State, Dec. 29, 1875, with a capital stock of $2,000,000, of which $100,000 only has been paid in. The last named company became, under leases dated May 20, 1879, the lessee of the other two companies, and under said lease and a tripartite agreement of the same date assumed the management and operation of said companies and their property, among other things, upon terms, among other things, to pay after the date specified, namely, Jan. 31, 1879, first, the principal of and interest on the outstanding bonds of the respective companies, issuers—being of each company $6,500,000, or in the aggregate $17,000,000; third, to guarantee and pay to the New-York Company an annual dividend of 10 per cent, upon its capital of $6,500,000, in quarter-yearly payments, the first to be paid Jan. 1, 1880; third, to guarantee and pay to the Metropolitan Company dividends to the same amount, upon an equal amount of stock, and at the same dates as specified with the New-York Company; fourth, to pay also to each of said companies an annual rental of $10,000—in the aggregate $20,000—in equal semi-annual installments, on the 1st day of January and July in cash year during the terms of the respective leases—that is, for 999 years; fifth, said Manhattan Company, as a further consideration for the lease, agreed to and did subsequently issue to each of said other companies its bond for $6,500,000, payable on demand to a Trustee named in each bond for the stockholders of the respective companies, with authority to the Trustees respectively, to use the same, if they see fit, in payment for the stock of the Manhattan Company at par, which bonds were so exchanged. This transaction apparently increased the capital stock of the Manhattan Company then $2,000,000 (with $100,000 thereof paid in) by just the amount of said bonds, amounting $15,000,000.

Thus by a stroke of the pen is the burden of vitalizing this $13,000,000 of Manhattan stock imposed upon the public, from whom the valuable franchises of these roads, and their rights of way through the streets of the City of New-York, were derived, derived without compensation other than the stipulated payment of 2 per cent. of the earnings into the City Treasury. Here is an organization, a railroad company having existence upon paper only, not owning or operating a rod of road, never having set a pock, driven a spike, or moved a shovelful of dirt, leasing two contiguous roads, and by the leases giving these roads the maximum net income which the law allows, and, in addition, giving $13,000,000 of bonds to these roads, convertible into stock $13,000,000 of the aforesaid water immediately. If this transaction is a legal one, then there is nothing to prevent the management of the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company from organizing under any name and with any named capital, and then leasing the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad, guaranteeing the amount of all the bonds and obligations thereof, and to the stockholders a 10 per cent. dividend, and issuing to them in addition $130,000,000, or any other sum, in the bonds of the new company, convertible into stock of the new company at their option. If such transactions are legal, there is no protection for stockholders against stock-watering until the leasing of railroads is carefully and properly guarded. If the leases and agreements in question can be sustained, it must be in pursuance of some special statute, and not upon any principle of law or public policy, and the Legislature should, as speedily as may be, render impossible similar transactions in the future. In our opinion, the facts brought out in the investigation of the affairs of the New-York elevated railroads illustrate most forcibly the necessity for the several acts and amendments to existing statutes recommended by us in our report dated Jan. 22, 1880, and now under consideration by your honorable body.

The New-York Loan and Improvement Company has planned the important parts in defining to the public the present system of rapid transit. The last-named company was organized and chartered by the 690th chapter of the Laws of 1870, as amended by chapter 410 of the Laws of 1871, and by chapter 755 of the Laws of 1872. It is the company substantially the same gentlemen who control and manage these several companies, and now has a capital of $3,000,000. In the case of the Metropolitan Elevated Railroad Company, all of its stock and bonds were transferred to the Loan and Improvement Company, and the consideration therefor, agreed to and did—under subcontract set by it—build the road for the former company, receiving therefor of the stock of the Metropolitan Company $6,500,000, and of the bonds of said company $6,500,000. In addition to the stock of the Manhattan Company, $6,500,000, in the aggregate, $21,500,000, which agreegate amount of stock and bonds cost the Loan and Improvement Company, according to the testimony of Mr. Sweet, $3,669,147 69, leaving as the "margin in the difference of $17,830,852 31. The stock and bonds of the New-York Elevated Road are the same as the Metropolitan, namely, stock, $6,500,000; bonds, $6,500,000; total, $13,000,000. The actual cost of construction, according to the testimony of Mr. Sweet, is $3,719,038 26, leaving a "margin" of $9,280,961 74, and adding the $6,500,000 derived of Manhattan stock, shows the total sum of $12,780,691 74. Outside of actual construction, adding now the above items of $11,350,852 31, we have the grand total of $24,131,614 05, which has not entered in the actual construction of these roads. Of this grand total much seems to be "water." The companies claim that a considerable portion is covered by legitimate discounts on securities, and by other proper items. But the principal item, being discount on bonds, went into the hands of the stockholders themselves. Mr. Brewster, in his testimony, explains how bonds were discounted, and it is fair to presume that a considerable discount on bonds were allowed to give away from the gentlemen who had all along furnished, not only the brains, but the money to carry into successful operation these roads.

In order that a better understanding of the situation may be had, your committee submit the following figures, &c., by way of recapitulation:

METROPOLITAN ELEVATED RAILROAD.

Date of charter, 1872—capital stock paid in	$6,500,000 00
Bonds assumed by the Manhattan Company	8,500,000 00
Total	$15,000,000 00
Actual cost of road	$3,669,147 69
"Water" discount on bonds, &c.	8,350,852 31

NEW-YORK ELEVATED ROAD.

Date of charter, Dec. 5, 1871—capital stock paid in	$6,500,000 00
Bonds assumed by Manhattan	6,500,000 00
Total	$13,000,000 00
Actual cost of road	$3,719,038 26
"Water" discount on bonds, &c.	9,280,961 74

MANHATTAN RAILROAD COMPANY.

Date of charter, Dec. 29, 1875—capital stock, all water	$13,000,000 00

We have the three companies capitalized as follows: Metropolitan Elevated, $15,000,000; New-York Elevated, $13,000,000; Manhattan, $13,000,000; total, $43,000,000. Metropolitan—The actual cost of construction, &c., is found by Mr. Sweet to be $3,669,147 69. New-York Elevated—The actual cost is found by Mr. Sweet to be $3,719,038 26.

The total actual cost of roads, &c., is $13,388,185 95. "Water," Manhattan, $13,000,000; "water," &c., Metropolitan Elevated, $8,350,852 31; "water," &c., New-York Elevated, $9,280,961 74. Total "water," &c., $24,631,814 05; cost, $13,388,185 95; total, $43,000,000.

The rates of fare charged by the elevated railroad companies is fixed during certain hours at 6 cents, that is during the hours from 5:30 to 7:30 A. M. and from 5 to 7 P. M. During the other hours the rate is uniformly 10 cents. The companies state that the aggregate receipts are about equally divided between the two rates, about 50 per cent. of the whole being derived from each rate of fare. As a result of such arrangement, the number of passengers carried at 5-cent fares is very large. The original intent and object of the scheme was to secure rapid transit in New-York, and to afford quick transportation for residents of the upper part of the island and Westchester County from their homes to the business portion of the City at the lowest possible rates. The large and profitable traffic of the lower part of the island, with the short haul, was to compensate for the smaller traffic and longer haul for the upper part of the island.

We believe that a uniform five-cent fare will produce an adequate and liberal remuneration upon the actual cost of construction. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the Legislature limit by proper enactment the fares chargeable by said companies to the uniform rate of 5 cents. It is believed by your committee that the accompanying bill will prevent the abuses heretofore to exist in relation to railroad leases. Dated March 1, 1880.

A. B. HEPBURN, HENRY L. DUGUID, J. W. WADSWORTH, W. D. NOYES, JAMES W. HUSTED, JAMES LOW, GEORGE L. TERRY, THOMAS F. GRADY, CHARLES S. BAKER.

The following is the bill:

AN ACT in relation to leases by railroad corporations:

SECTION 1. No railroad corporation shall become the lessee of any railroad, unless it is, at the time of becoming a party to such lease, the owner of a contiguous line of railroad, actually operated by such corporation over the whole or a part of its length; and it shall not be lawful for any railroad corporation, being the lessor, to transfer to any company or to the stockholders thereof, or to any person or persons in their behalf, any of its capital stock, or bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, as a consideration for or in connection with such lease.

COURT OF APPEALS.

DECISIONS HANDED DOWN YESTERDAY—PROCEEDINGS AND CALENDAR.

ALBANY, March 2.—In the Court of Appeals today the following decisions were handed down: The Pacific Pneumatic Gas Company vs. Wheelock—Judgment affirmed, with costs. Stone vs. Lord—Motion for reargument denied, with $10 costs. Guest vs. The City of Brooklyn—Motion for reargument denied, without costs. Parker vs. McCunn—Motion to dismiss appeal granted, with costs, unless appellant, within 10 days after service and copy of this order, gives proper undertaking as upon appeal to this court, and causes the sureties thereon to justify in due time if excepted to, and shall also pay to plaintiff's attorney $10 cost of this motion, in which event motion denied. The German Savings Bank vs. Habel—Orders of General Term and Special Term reversed, and motion denied, with $10 costs of motion and costs of appeal to General Term and this court. In the Matter of the Application of the Brooklyn and Rockaway Beach Railroad Company to Acquire Title to Lands of John Schuman; Dixon vs. Beach; Claflin vs. Sears; Claflin vs. Carrie; McCullough vs. Mojatz—Appeal dismissed, with costs. In the Matter of the Petition of the Trustees of the Presbytery of New-York to Vacate an Assessment—Order affirmed, with costs. Chapin vs. Thompson—Order of General Term reversed, and that of Special Term affirmed, with costs. The People ex rel. Robbins vs. The Mayor, &c., of New-York—Order modified by striking out costs of the court below, and as modified affirmed, without costs of this court.

The following business was transacted: No. 469—William Poole and another, plaintiffs in error, vs. The People, &c., defendants in error; argument resumed and concluded. No. 470—Chastine Cox, plaintiff in error, vs. The People, defendants in error; argued by William F. Howe for plaintiff in error, Benjamin K. Phelps for defendants in error. No. 83—David Wolfe Bruce, and another, respondents, vs. Thomas C. Platt, and another, impleaded, &c., appellants; argued by William E. Arnoux for appellants, and George G. DeWitt, Jr., and Elbridge T. Gerry for respondents; case still on.

The following is the Day Calendar for Wednesday, March 3: Nos. 69, 16, 89, 82, 103, 105, 92, 94.

A MISSING ELECTRICIAN.

QUEBEC, March 2.—J. W. Chasse, the young electrician who claimed to have discovered the multiplex telegraph, for which he is said to have been offered $1,000,000, is missing. The tests in a room were satisfactory, and the inventor left here a few weeks ago to prepare the necessary instruments in New-York for testing his invention on a larger scale. He has not since been heard from, and it is rumored that after his departure an investigation of his experimental room and tables showed that he had skillfully laid 18 different wires under the flooring, which enabled him to obtain the asserted results in the room.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

H. O. Houghton, of Boston, is at the Brevoort House.

Samuel M. Shoemaker, of Boston, is at the Gilsey House.

Engineer-in-Chief W. H. Shock, United States Navy, is at the Grand Hotel.

Nathan Appleton, of Boston, and Gen. G. J. Magee, of Schuyler County, N. Y., are at the Windsor Hotel.

Gen. W. W. Belknap, of Iowa, and L. H. Aymé, United States Consul at Merida, Mexico, are at the St. James Hotel.

Col. Thomas A. Scott, of Philadelphia; Gen. Stewart Van Vliet, United States Army; ex-Congressman George M. Beebe, of Monticello, N. Y.; Franklin Haven, of Boston, and Col. A. S. Buford, of Virginia, are at the Fifth-Avenue Hotel.

GEN. BRIBRIN'S PROPERTY.

The appraisers appointed to determine the value of the late Gen. Briabin's personal property yesterday filed their report with the Surrogate of Essex County. The total valuation is $161,117 97. The real estate is estimated at $46,000. Nine charitable institutions were named in the will, and their bequests will be from $10,000 to $12,000 each.

MR. ALLEN'S HOUSE.

O. Dexter Allen, a grandson of the late Commodore Vanderbilt, has purchased the mansion, stable, and seven and one-half lots, the homestead of the late Sheriff Brennan, on the corner of the Boulevard and One Hundred and Fifth-street, for $44,000 cash.

MORE STOCK.

The Secretary of the Chicago, St. Louis and New-Orleans Railroad Company has notified the Stock Exchange of the intention of the company to make an issue of 18,364 shares of stock necessary to complete the authorized capital of 100,000 shares.

CAPT. M'DONNELL AND MR. MACLEAN.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

It appears from reports in some of the daily papers that at an examination yesterday into certain charges against Capt. McDonnell for suffering the notorious existence of disorderly houses in his precinct that worthy declares that I had sent Stephen O'Brien to induce his favorite influence at the last election, and had personally supplemented the policies of my alleged missionary. Of course, there is no foundation for the tale, which, as it had no materiality to the issue, does not rise to the rank of perjury, and is a mere lie. I have no reason to believe that O'Brien ever spoke to McDonnell. I certainly never sent him to McDonnell or to any one else. I never even intimated anything respecting elections or politics to McDonnell, save that I informed him the complaints about colonization in his precinct had been sent to me, and continued him to prevent any illegal voting. CHARLES F. MACLEAN.

NEW-YORK CITY, Tuesday, March 2, 1880.

MISCELLANEOUS CITY NEWS

INCREASE IN THE DRUG TRADE.

OUR HOME PRODUCTS—QUICKSILVER—CITRIC ACID—AMMONIACAL COMPOUNDS—QUININE AND CINCHONA BARK.

Mr. D. C. Robbins presents, in the annual report of the Chamber of Commerce, the statistics of that most important branch of business, the drug trade. Like all businesses, the demand and consumption of drugs has increased during the last year. Starting with that average increase of 2½ per centum per annum which in consumption is in proportion with the natural augmentation of population, Mr. Robbins shows that up to the 30th of June, 1879, when the fiscal year terminated, dutiable goods presented a value of $16,014,066, against $14,558,923 in 1878, and that of free articles $19,994,128, against $17,851,921, making the gain in imports of 1879 10 per centum over those of 1878. In a single year, then, the fact is presented of a remarkable recovery from four years of depression. The term "drug" is somewhat indefinite, and, from the many objects represented, seems to have a very wide scope. Salt enters into the list, as does asphalt, and, for that matter, so might sugar, all of them being in a certain sense chemical products. It might be wiser and less confusing to drop some few of the substances which enter into the present category of drugs. Nevertheless, if we take one of these products—quicksilver—it may be seen how independent we are to-day of Spanish or Austrian quicksilver. In 1879 the yield of quicksilver from the Pacific coast was 72,000 flasks, being an increase of 10,000 over 1878, and as the whole consumption of the world is about 103,000 flasks, it can supply over half of all that is wanted. Once borax was almost an Italian monopoly, but to-day Nevada furnishes inexhaustible supplies. The marked progress made in home manufactures becomes striking, when the imports of the bicarbonate of soda are studied. In 1878, we imported 1,900,000 pounds less of this substance than in 1878, because the manufacture of this salt, with that of sal soda, is becoming an important home industry. In the manufacture of citric acid, we were once mainly dependent on Southern Europe. In 1878, we imported 27,000 pounds of citric acid, but last year the oranges and lemons of Florida produced all the acid we wanted, save some 6,500 pounds, and possibly, in a few years, we can export a quantity of this useful substance. Home manufactures may also account for the falling off in our imports of carbolic acid, aniline colors, the ammoniacal salts, with alum. As to our exports of native drugs and chemicals, they footed up, in 1879, some $5,738,035, a slight increase over that of the year before. Possibly the home consumption took up that surplus, which was seemingly much less. In quinoline, our exports were 3,624,537 pounds, an excess of 1,079,439 pounds over 1878. In opium, we imported last year 278,554 pounds, against 207,752 pounds in 1878, which shows that the average demand for this narcotic in the last few years has been about 218,709 pounds per annum. As to a large portion of the American world quinine is almost of as great importance as bread, recalling the dictum that the Englishman never could hold India in subjection but for his capability of swallowing this alkaloid, it is something to know that on Jan. 1, 1880, the stock in hand of cinchona bark was 31,870 packages. As the sulphate of quinine has been recently legislated upon, and duties removed, some particulars of the price of late years may be related in upholding somewhat the idea of THE TIMES, as published in July, 1879. Six months prior to December, 1879, and the passage of the Free Quinine bill, the imports were only 110,000 ounces. The price of the sulphate during the best part of the year, Nov. 30, 1879, was 47 cents. In July, $3 50 an ounce. In August, from a large demand, the price rose to $3 75, and eventually figures were forced up to $4 75. In October manufacturers reduced prices to $3 60. In November and December of the same year, and in January, 1879, the market became stagnant, the result being a decline of 20 cents took place, but in March it was again $3 60. The bill having passed the House to take off the duty, prices declined, until American quinine was quoted at $2 60, when, at the close of the year, it advanced in Europe to 12s. 6d., while in America it ranged at $3 50 in gold, and afterwards at $3 20. On Wednesday next the manufacturers of quinine are to have a hearing before the Committee of Ways and Means. The object of the manufacturers will be to request that the duty—now 10 per cent. ad valorem, in gold, between St. Louis and Liverpool—be restored, and that a specific duty of 10 per cent. be placed on quinine. For the first measure they probably will succeed, but it is extremely doubtful whether the remposing of any duty would be listened to with much attention to-day. The reason for requiring the duty to be restored, shall have arisen from this fact. While South American bark is deteriorating all the time in alkaline salts, the East India bark, the result of culture, is improving. East India barks are sold to-day in London, guaranteed to contain from 5 to 6 per cent. of quinine, while South American barks, of the best grade, rarely contain more than ½ to 1 per cent. The expense of working in rich or poor bark being the same, our manufacturers, being deprived of the proper raw material, must work at a disadvantage. There are several articles in the list of drugs which give opportunity for the exercise of Yankee ingenuity, some 2,700,000 pounds of starch or 2,388,231 pounds of glycerine! As to the fine essential oils to be derived from flowers, we might be quite independent of the South of France or Italy by cultivating our gardens in Florida and Louisiana.

A NEW LAW OF EVIDENCE.

SURROGATE CALVIN'S APPLICATION OF IT TO A FORGERY CASE.

A new law of considerable interest and importance to the legal profession and many litigants was put into effect, for the first time, yesterday, on the trial of the contest of the will of Cynthia A. Hoadra, deceased, before Surrogate Calvin. The testatrix is a colored woman, who died in this City in February, 1879, leaving an estate valued at $80,000 to her husband. Some nieces, nephews, and other relatives contest, claiming, among other things, that the will is a forgery by or at the instance of her husband. Several witnesses were examined yesterday as to the signature to the will on behalf of the contestants. One of these was Mr. Smith, Paying Teller of the Seamen's Savings Bank, where the decedent kept an account. Then George H. Jeffray, one of the nephews, was examined, and a draft on the bank for $45, drawn and signed by Cynthia A. Hoadra, dated Nov. 6, 1878, and indorsed by the witness, was shown to him. He testified that the draft was given to him by Mrs. Hoadra on the day of its date, and that he gave the money on it and gave it to her. Mr. Dayo, for the contestants, then offered the draft in evidence, and Quentin MaAdam, for the proponent, objected and asked for what purpose it was offered. Mr. F. L. Westbrook, for the contestants, said they offered it to prove the signature to be genuine as Mrs. Hoadra's, and then to recall Mr. Smith and other witnesses to have them testify on comparison of this signature with the signature to the will. The Surrogate said he would exclude the evidence if offered for that purpose. Mr. Westbrook then said that he offered it in view of an act that had been passed by the Legislature at this session, and which was an exact copy of the English law on the same subject, allowing a comparison of signatures or hand-writing in cases where the genuineness of the writing was disputed. The Surrogate suggested that it would be well to wait until the law had been passed; he knew that such a bill had been introduced. Mr. Westbrook then handed up to the court a certified copy of the act from the office of the Secretary of State, showing that it had been passed Feb. 28, last Saturday, and the Surrogate took it, read it, and said that it seemed fully to cover and to sustain the offer made by the counsel, and the evidence was accordingly admitted. He had not been looked at it also, and said that, in view of the comparative newness of the act, he would like to have an exception to the ruling noted any way. The act reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Comparison of a disputed writing with any writing proved to the satisfaction of a court to be genuine shall be permitted to be made by witnesses in all trials or proceedings, and such writings and the evidence of witnesses respecting the same may be submitted to the court and jury as evidence of the genuineness or otherwise of the writing in dispute.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Smith was then recalled to the stand, and testified that the draft was now the property of the bank, and that the money called for on it was paid at the date indicated.

The further hearing is set down for March 27.

HER PARENTS BOTH IN PRISON.

Norah Clagg, a bright-looking, intelligent girl, about 13 years of age, was brought before Justice Otterbourg at the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, by Officer Chiardi, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, who asked that the child be committed to some charitable institution. The officer stated that the child's father is now serving out a term of imprisonment in Massachusetts, for burglary, and her mother was arrested several months ago, under the alias of Nellie Gray, for shoplifting, and was sentenced to two years and a half imprisonment in the Penitentiary on Blackwell's Island. After her mother's arrest the child was taken charge of by a woman living in Jones-street, who, being unable to longer care for her, passed her in charge of Officer Chiardi. The child was committed to the Catholic Protectory.

JUDGE "TIM" CAMPBELL KICKED OUT.

The Tammany Committee on Discipline completed, last evening, the reconstitution of the General Committees of the Sixth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Nineteenth Assembly Districts. An election of officers of the Sixth and Twelfth District Committees was held, under the auspices of the Discipline Committee, and in the Sixth District Edward McCue was elected Chairman, and Senator Jacob Seebacher, Michael H. Sisserson, Thomas Foley, Eugene McCarthy, James Corr, and Joseph Nelson, who were formerly representatives of the districts in the Committee on Organization, were re-elected to their old positions. Judge Timothy Campbell was "disciplined" out of the party. But few changes were made in the Twelfth District. Ex-Coroner Henry Woltman, at the election last evening, was re-elected Chairman of the District Committee, and the greater number of his friends are retained as members of the Committee on Organization. The Committee on Discipline will make a final report of its action to the Committee on Organization for ratification to-morrow. Judge Campbell is naturally indignant in regard to his treatment by Boss Kelly, and intends to organize an opposition to the Tammany machine in his district. The Thirteenth and Nineteenth Districts were organized last week. In the former Sidney P. Nichols was elected Chairman, and in the latter A. J. Scott and in place of Thomas O'Callaghan, Richard Flanagan has been dropped from the new committee in the Thirteenth District, and O'Callaghan and many of his friends in the Nineteenth.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

A PORTRAIT OF GEN. DIX PRESENTED—PAPER OF GEN. ROGERS.

The large hall of the building of the Historical Society, in Second-avenue, was nearly filled last evening by an audience largely composed, as usual, of ladies. Gen. Horatio Rogers, of Providence, R. I., was to read a paper on "La Corne St. Luc, the Leader of Burgoyne's Indians," but in addition to the this meeting was held for the purpose of formally receiving the large portrait of the late Gen. Dix, which Mr. Charles O'Conor has presented to the society. The committee which had been appointed, at Mr. O'Conor's suggestion, to select a painter reported that they had chosen Mr. Daniel Huntington for the work, and the result of his labors, with which the committee was highly pleased, was before the society last evening. The Rev. Dr. Osgood, one of the members of the committee, made some remarks eulogistic of the picture and its subject, and said he would like to say something of another person, only that person would not let him. This referred to Mr. O'Conor, who was seated immediately behind the Doctor, and on the same seat with him were the Rev. Morgan Dix and other members of the Dix family. Mere or less in connection with this portrait, as Dr. Osgood explained, a resolution had been offered and adopted appointing a committee to take into consideration the future of the society, this meaning the subject of a new building, the present one being altogether too small to accommodate the society. It is probable that a move will be made in town if a suitable location can be secured. The society is rich, has funds on hand and a long list of wealthy members. Among the members of the committee named in the resolution were Augustus Schell, Cornelius Vanderbilt, William Libbey, Marshall O. Roberts, Benjamin H. Field, Elliot C. Cowdin, R. Lenox Kennedy, and Royal Phelps. Resolutions were also passed in respect to the memory of the late James Lenox, a former member of the Historical Society.

These and other matters of business being disposed of, Gen. Rogers read his paper on La Corne St. Luc, with the events of whose life, he said, he had been made familiar by having to prepare for publication some manuscript relating to Gen. Burgoyne's campaign. The paper was rather long and showed a wonderful degree of information in regard to the Canadian families and families of the brilliant staff of officers which Burgoyne collected about him. The author mentioned that Brig.-Gen. Frazer displayed such daring and ability in rallying the British troops at Bemus Heights that Arnold was convinced his death was necessary to secure victory to the American arms, and therefore instructed the sharpshooters to aim at him. In the next charge he led. Murphy, the famous scout and Indian fighter, whose name appears so much in the annals of Delaware and Schoharie Counties, managed to put a couple of bullets through him. A battalion of one of the same regiments which composed Burgoyne's forces was massacred by Indians at the opening of the recent Bemus war. La Corne St. Luc was a Canadian, who had long acted as leader of the Canadian Indians in the wars between the English and French. He commanded the Indians at Braddock's defeat, and, at the head of scouting parties, inflicted terrible damage on the northern frontiers in the border wars. After the expulsion of the French from Canada, he settled down as a British subject. When the troubles between the colonies and England commenced, his conduct drew upon him the special enmity of the Americans, by whom he was captured and held in close confinement for some time. He was released at last and returned to Canada, breathing hate and vengeance against his captors. He joined Burgoyne with the Ottawa tribes. Burgoyne disliked the Indians, and declared that it cost more to bring 1,000 of them into the field than 20,000 soldiers. He had strictly forbidden the Indians to come with the army, but the orders of the home Government were imperative on the subject. He disliked La Corne St. Luc more than his men; in fact, he seems to have hated him, and St. Luc fully returned the feeling. What is well known, his Indians only did Burgoyne harm in his campaign. They plundered what the army captured, and fled when the situation became serious. Burgoyne, after the Indians had retreated to Canada, found opportunity to send St. Luc after them. The author could not find out his death there is no record, but it is supposed he died as an advanced age in Canada. Gen. Rogers's estimate of the character of the subject of his sketch was not flattering, and he thought Bancroft had pronounced a true verdict when he said that St. Luc joined the redactive malice of civilization to the blood-thirsty ferocity of the savage.

SOME RAPID TRANSIT POINTS.

EFFECT OF THE DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT IN THE RAPID TRANSIT SUIT.

The commission originally appointed by Mayor Cooper to lay down rapid transit routes in Westchester, and the second commission, also appointed by the Mayor to do what the first had failed to do, joined together in bringing a test suit to decide the legal standing of both. The decision of the court, which was given some time ago, was that no commission could establish more than one railroad company. It could lay down as many routes as it pleased, but the roads must all be built by one company; in short, that every rapid transit railroad company must have a special commission to create it. This decision, of course, wiped out the first commission entirely, they having established one company, which was supposed to be doing something, though, as a matter of fact, a whole year has now passed since the first commission was appointed, and not one foot of road has been built. But more than this, it showed the gentlemen who desire to get the two small lines in which shall connect Jerome Park with the railroads east and west of it that the second commission, as it stood, could do them no good. The commission, after much negotiation, trouble, and dispute, consented to designate the two routes to Jerome Park but they had also laid down routes in all the lines of the old commission. To build roads over these would require a large capital and a correspondingly large corporation, and Mr. Leonard Jerome and his friends were not prepared to go into so heavy an undertaking. To meet the difficulty it was agreed that the commission should be reappointed by the Mayor to do the special work of laying out these Jerome Park branches. The Mayor told Mr. Jerome to get his petition of tax-payers ready, which that gentleman did on Saturday last, this being the fourth time within a year that he has been able to bring over 50 property-owners into court to petition and verify their signatures. This the Mayor handed to Cooper on Monday, reappointed the second commission, (being their third reappointment,) and nothing remains for its members but to report in favor of the routes. The whole thing being done according to agreement, and every one understanding exactly what is wanted, the action of the Commissioners will be nothing more than formal. The main thing is that there shall be no more delay. The Jerome Park people have been struggling for a year past against all sorts of discouragements, and they are doubly anxious now to commence work at once. As it is, it will cost much more to build the lines, on account of the rise in the price of labor and material, than if they had been built early last year.

HAGAN WILL SURRENDER HIMSELF.

It was ascertained by the Police yesterday that Assemblyman Edward P. Hagan, who is accused of having assaulted Patrolman Jesse Carter, of the eighteenth Precinct, while the officer was attempting to arrest his brother, Hugh Hagan, for disorderly conduct, was in Albany. Capt Clinchy has received a dispatch from Albany saying that Hagan was under cover there at the Delavan House, awaiting the result of the officer's injuries, intending to surrender himself to the Police as soon as he learned that the policeman was out of danger. He would thus avoid being locked up, and was prepared to give bail for his appearance to answer the charge of felonious assault pending against him. It was stated that Hagan crossed over to Jersey City early on Monday morning, and took the 7:50 A. M. train on the Erie Railway to New-York, where he crossed the Hudson River to Fishkill. There he took the next train for Albany, arriving there on Monday night. Hagan's counsel said last evening that, acting upon his advice, Hagan would come to this City to-day and surrender himself to the authorities. Officer Carter is still at the hospital. His condition is improving, and unless some unexpected change takes place, he will be out of danger in a few days.

EXCOMMUNICATED WITHOUT TRIAL.

Gustave Burggraf, Jr., a master carpenter, living at No. 235 West Forty-sixth-street, was excommunicated from the Central Baptist Church last evening on the following charges: "First, profane language; second, in publishing, or causing to be published, unwarranted statements in the public press to the injury and reproach of this church." A few weeks ago Burggraf was arraigned before a special committee, of which Deacon Gale was chairman, on profanity, untruthfulness, and slander, preferred by his father, Gustave Burggraf, Sr. These charges were dismissed in consequence of the inability of the father to substantiate them, but the investigating committee subsequently presented the accusations quoted above. When Burggraf appeared before the members of the church last evening he was informed that if he would confess his offenses and express repentance therefor, he would be forgiven and be permitted to retain his membership in the church. He replied that he had nothing to confess, and intimated that there were persons waiting outside who would testify in his behalf. The members present declined to examine his witnesses, and after requesting him to retire voted to dismiss him from the church.

NEW-LONDON, Conn., March 2.—The Italian bark Pietro Ascoma, Capt. Podesta, arrived here today to load with 50,000 bushels of wheat for Boston—the first export of grain in the history of this port.

THE NEW TELEGRAPH WAR

THE WESTERN UNION'S SIDE OF THE STORY.

THE COMPANY ORDERED TO REMOVE ITS LINES FROM THE UNION PACIFIC MAIN LINE AT ONCE—THE MISSOURI PACIFIC COMPANY ABOUT TO SEIZE THE WIRES ALONG ITS ROUTE—INJUNCTIONS WHICH PREVENT FURTHER SUMMARY ACTION.

The counsel of the Western Union Telegraph Company in Chicago has furnished the following information concerning the seizure of the Union and Kansas Pacific Railroad telegraph lines by Jay Gould: "The published opinion of Judge Dillon in justification of the recent seizures of the lines of telegraph upon the Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific Railroads by Mr. Jay Gould's company is based upon statements which must undoubtedly have been furnished to him by his clients, but which are entirely erroneous. The telegraph lines upon these railroads were not built and owned by the roads, as is implied in the opinion referred to. Upon the Union Pacific the Western Union Company built, owns, operates, and maintains its own lines. Under an express act of Congress it was permitted so to do, and its rights have never before been questioned. The Union Pacific Railroad built a telegraph line upon its road, and subsequently leased that line and all of its telegraph interests in perpetuity to the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, and the railroad company received therefor 2,000,000 shares of the stock of the telegraph company, together with valuable facilities, and also reserved to itself the exclusive right of one wire only. Under this lease these lines have been operated, up to the time of their seizure, by the telegraph company. The Kansas Pacific Railway Company was originally organized under the laws of Kansas, and a contract was made by its predecessor with the Western Union Telegraph Company, under which the telegraph line was built, operated, and maintained, and one of the wires was set apart for the use of the railroad company. The other two were owned and operated exclusively by the telegraph company. The railroad company has no ownership whatever in them. The Western Union Telegraph Company has also furnished all the labor for the construction and maintenance of these lines, and has given the railroad company free telegraphic service outside and beyond the line of the road, amounting to about $10,000 a year. The Western Union Telegraph Company owns and furnishes all the main batteries used in the operation of these wires, which were connected with all the commercial offices. It is asserted by Judge Dillon that neither of these lines have been seized from the telegraph company, but at all times have been in possession of the respective railroad companies. The possession and control of a telegraph line is secured by the possession and control of the main batteries at each end of the line. The Union Pacific Company has secured these lines on the Kansas Pacific by secretly erecting batteries at Denver and Kansas City, and violently and unlawfully, and in face of the injunctions, have cut the telegraph wires away from the main batteries, and all the commercial business of the Western Union Company connected them with its own. In the case of the Atlantic and Pacific lines on the Union Pacific Road, both batteries and telegraph line were seized by the railroad company. No mention is made in the opinion of Judge Dill

LITERARY NOTES

—Bishop Wilberforce's Life is already in its fifth thousand.

—Canon Farrar's "Life of Christ" is in its twenty-fifth edition in England.

—Bishop Ellicott's "New Testament Commentary" is to be issued serially.

—A volume of literary essays by the late Bayard Taylor will shortly be published by G. P. Putnam's Sons.

—The Appletons have ready their "Annual Cyclopædia and Register of Important Events" for the past year.

—Dodd, Mead & Co. have in press "Montezuma," a new volume in Mr. Eggleston's series on famous American Indians.

—Harper & Brothers have introduced the system of sending by post their "Half-Hour Series," any 25 of the little volumes for $5.

—A cheaper issue of Mr. R. H. Hutton's well-known "Essays, Theological and Literary," is from press of the Messrs. of Macmillan & Co.

—It is reported that Dr. John Brown is about to issue a completed edition of his delightful essays, the well-known "Horæ Subsecivæ."

—Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson, who has written some charming books of unconventional travel, has in preparation a little monograph on Thoreau.

—It is understood that Miss S. H. Adams, of this City, is making a new translation, into English, of Prof. Hermann Grimm's "Life of Michael Angelo."

—Herbert Spencer's "Ceremonial Institutions," a section of the second volume of his "Principles of Sociology," will shortly be published by the Appletons.

—The Rev. George W. Cooke, of Indianapolis, Ind., has nearly ready "A Study of Emerson," which takes up over 30 topics relating to the life and works of the Concord seer.

—The report of the Challenger expedition promises to be almost a unique work when completed. It is to extend to 15 volumes and will cost upward of $20,000.

—The late Dr. Thomas Mayo Brewer, who died in Boston Jan. 23, is best known through his "History of North American Birds," published by Prof. Baird, Mr. Ridgway, and himself, in 1874.

—Charles Scribner's Sons have in press "The Origin and Growth of the Psalms," by the late Prof. Murray, of Johns Hopkins University, a work which is practically a study of Hebrew devotional poetry.

—It is said that the indefatigable Prof. Goldwin Smith has in hand a book advocating the union or the confederation of all the Anglo-Saxon communities of the world, as the means of keeping the world in universal peace.

—H. H., whose article in the March *Scribner* shows her to be alive to the flagrant injustice suffered by the Indians, is hard at work on a small volume which shall set forth more in detail the wrongs of the unfortunate wards of the nation.

—The Rev. Dr. Service, the Scotch clergyman who published a brilliant volume of sermons two or three years ago, is to edit the "Burns" volume in the series of English tracts to be issued under the editorship of Mr. T. H. Ward, M.A.

—To meet the new wave of interest in Napoleon created by the memoirs now publishing in France, the books of Las Casas and O'Meara, faithful friends of the Emperor in exile, are being brought out in new editions by W. J. Widdleton.

—An interesting discovery has just been made at Wells, England, of number of 1,000 original documents, some of which date back to the thirteenth century. Many of the seals are in a beautiful state of preservation. They were found in an old oaken press in the almshouse.

—*The London Examiner is authority for the statement that the Finns in America have* founded a literary society in this City, with the object of supporting their organ, the *Amerikan Suomalainen Lehti*, and of promoting the diffusion of modern Finnish literature among colonists from Finland.

—Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth, who has written on historical topics connected with the Revolution, is on a pilgrimage to St. Louis, to collect materials for a life of her father, Col. Hardin was a member of Congress from Illinois, and was killed at the head of his regiment, the First Illinois, at the battle of Buena Vista.

—A work entitled "The Constitution of the Earth" will shortly be published by E. Bell & Sons, London. It will contain a new theory of the evolution of the species, which may be gathered from the sub-title: "Being an Interpretation of the Laws of God in Creation by which the Earth and its Organic Life have been Derived from the Sun by a Progressive Development."

—At length, Edgar Allen Poe is to receive full justice at the hands of Mr. J. H. Ingram, of London, who has just ready for the press two volumes, treating of his whole career and its vicissitudes with great fullness, and with materials said to have been furnished by those who were in the closest relations to him, and not heretofore known to the public.

—Dr. Elliott Coues accomplishes a piece of dry work, but one of importance to students of natural history, by giving a review of the progress of the study of mammals in the United States during the past year. The paper will be found in the March *American Naturalist*. "Concerning Amber," by Erminnie A. Smith, will be found a very attractive summary of the latest theories regarding the origin of amber, its history, and mention in literature.

—An agent of D. Appleton & Co. has been visiting Jeff. Davis at Beauvoir, a station between Nashville and New Orleans, La., that firm being credited with the coming publication of the ex-President's memoirs. These will consist of two large octavo volumes, illustrated with the portraits of the officers of the Confederacy immediately under Davis. A large part of the first volume will expose the views of Mr. Davis as to the causes which led to the war.

—The "National Music of the World" is the title of a posthumous work of the Rev (?) Henry F. Chorley, which his biographer, Mr. H. G. Hewlett, is about to publish through Sampson Low & Co. It consists of four lectures, delivered at the Royal Institution in 1862, which, with considerable additions, the author was preparing for publication shortly before his death. The bulk of the musical illustrations accompanying the lectures will be reproduced.

—Another "Washington" number rewards the energy and perseverance of the editor of the *Magazine of American History*. Thirty unpublished letters of Washington are among the original documents, in addition to the 89 printed for the first time in the February and August numbers of 1879. These latter covered the period between the years 1754 to 1780, while the present batch belong to the year 1781. The publication of those of 1782 will follow in August, the intention being to use the February and August numbers for this purpose until all the letters are printed.

—The second volume of the "Dictionary of Christian Biography, Literature, Sects, and Doctrines," edited by Dr. William Smith and Prof. Henry Wall, a work to be completed in four volumes, has just appeared. It runs from Eabe to Hermogenes, and makes a work of 940 pages medium 8vo. The second volume (completing the work) of the "Dictionary of Christian Antiquities," edited by Dr. Smith and Prof. Cheetham, is also nearly ready. It comprises Christ and Christianity, and the antiquities of the Christian Church from the time of the Apostles to the age of Charlemagne, and makes a book of 1,200 pages. The best talent in England has been employed upon these works, and nothing equal to them has appeared before in the English language.

—Dodd, Mead & Co. announce for early publication, "Adventures in Patagonia, a Missionary's Tour of Exploration," by the Rev. Titus Coan, who has been for many years a missionary in the Sandwich Islands. In 1883 the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, having heard that there was a large aboriginal population in Patagonia destitute of all education and Christian knowledge, sent out two young men to explore the country and obtain such information as would enable the board to determine upon the feasibility of establishing a mission there. The extraordinary story of their adventures, their sufferings, and escapes are graphically narrated in this volume, to which has been added an account of subsequent explorations and missionary efforts which have been made in that country.

—The first number of the *Oriental and Biblical Journal*, issued as a quarterly in Chicago, under the editorship of the Rev. Stephen D. Peet, is a pamphlet of 48 pages, consisting chiefly of extracts from periodicals devoted to various branches of research. The number is not to be taken as a specimen. The purpose of the *Quarterly* is to show the correspondence between scientific investigation and Scripture truths, *and the editor hopes to keep the magazine fair, candid, and scholarly, while thoroughly orthodox and evangelical.* Albert S. Gatschet contributes interesting notes, and a paper on the sources of information as to the pre-historic condition of America, by the editor, is bound up with the number. The *Quarterly* appears to aim at being an eclectic, with a certain proportion of original matter contributed by the best specialists in Biblical and profane archæology.

—In the current *Magazine of American History*, a frequent contributor, signing himself W. K., points out a proof that Washington was an abolitionist. In the journal of the Rev. Thomas Coke, under the date of May 26, 1785, occurs the following:

"He received us very politely, and was very open to access. He is quite the plain, Country Gentleman. After dinner we desired a private interview, and opened to him the grand business on which we came, presenting to him our petition for the emancipation of the Negroes, and entreating his signature, if the eminence of his station did not render it inexpedient for him to sign any petition. Reinformed us that he was of our sentiments, and had signified his thoughts on the subject to most of the great men of the State; that he did not see it proper to sign the petition, but if the Assembly took it into consideration, would signify his sentiments to the Assembly by letter."

—One of the editors of the *American Naturalist*, E. D. Cope, of Philadelphia, reviews in the March number the modern doctrine of evolution. Mr. Cope first argues for the acceptance of the general doctrine, and then proceeds to discuss modifications of the received ideas which are original with him. The subject will be continued. A criticism of the third edition of Dana's "Manual of Geology," takes the eminent Professor of Yale to task for the paleontology of vertebrata in its latest developments. This is the field in which Prof. Cope is at home, and in which he has already had sanguinary battles with rival paleontologists of Connecticut. Prof. Dana has used the nomenclature of Prof. Marsh, as published in the *American Journal of Science and Arts*, a journal which, in the opinion of the reviewer, "is notoriously regardless of the rule that names must be only proposed to represent work done, and may not be proposed to secure credit for work yet to be done."

—That very remarkable work of Loubats, "The Medallic History of the United States," with all its carefully-compiled text, its magnificent type, and wonderful illustrations, has brought the author quite a number of honors. From Austria Mr. Loubat has received a gold medal, the special one given for distinction in arts and literature, which bears the inscription, "Litteris et Artibus." From Wittenburg, the medal given for art and sciences has also been sent. From the King of Sweden Mr. Loubat has received the Order of the Commander of Vasa. Prussia even honors this gentleman with the decoration of the Third Class of the Crown of Prussia, and Italy has made Mr. Loubat a Knight of the Crown of Italy. Perhaps among the many marks of consideration Mr. Loubat has received for his work, and which he must especially prize, is an autograph letter from Prince Bismarck, of which the following is a copy:

BERLIN, April 15, 1879.

SIR: Accept my cordial thanks for your "Medallic History of the United States," a work equally creditable to the author and to the publisher. It is a gift I truly value, as I do the kinds words in which you have accompanied it. Receive the assurance of my high consideration. V. BISMARCK.

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—Mr. S. W. Baker's "Engraved Portraits of Washington," with notices of the originals, with brief biographical sketches of the painters, will be found quite invaluable to collectors. The book itself is highly creditable in as far as paper and type go, to the publishers, Messrs. Lindsay & Baker, of Philadelphia. The biographies of those artists who painted the Father of his Country are well chosen, and all the necessary details are presented. The history of the variations from a single oil-painting, when translated by the copper or steel engraver, are very curious. Thus, from Charles Wilson Peale's picture we find that not less than 45 engravings have been made. Of course, in some of them the differences must be remarkable. For instance, in 1787 Peale made a mezzotint of his picture, and in innumerable books, as frontispieces or as illustrations, the head is repeated, until Mr. Baker closes his list with a Spanish print of "El Gen. Washington." The French seem to have had *Washington in special reverence, and his popularity is shown by there having been no* less than 10 prints made in Paris. After John Trumbull's picture there were made 22 engravings by different artists, but after Gilbert Stuart, the amazing number of 201 copies were produced, all, of course, with some differences. This work, of which only 500 copies have been printed, is for sale by F. Keppel, of this City.

PETER COOPER'S SUGGESTIONS.

HOW AND WHERE HE THINKS THE ISTHMUS CANAL SHOULD BE CUT.

A number of shrewd and ingenious suggestions are contained in an address prepared by Peter Cooper for delivery at the De Lesseps banquet on Monday, but not delivered because of the lateness of the hour. The text of the address is appended:

We have met, my friends, to present our sincere thanks to a man who has performed a work for the world that now commands for him the respect, honor and the admiration of mankind. Our friend, Count de Lesseps, now comes to our country, like a second Lafayette, to pour into our nation's lap the rich treasures of his knowledge and experience, to aid in the accomplishment of a work of unmeasured importance to our country and the world. We feel assured, by all that we know of the life and character of our esteemed friend, Count de Lesseps, that he will not allow himself to recommend a work of such magnitude and important work to be commenced without a thorough examination of all the different routes that have been carefully surveyed. When that has been thoroughly done, I hope and believe that our country will join heartily in a course of efforts for the accomplishment of so great and so important a work. There is one item of information to which I will ask the especial attention of our friend Count de Lesseps. On a visit to the fair of the American Institute, my attention was called to the cutting and the boring of stone by the use of a sand-blast. While looking at the facility with which that stone could be cut and bored by the use of a sand-blast, it occurred to me at once that it could be used with great advantage in cutting a passage for a ship canal through the six miles of solid rock that must be cut in order to make a ship canal through the San Blas route. The great advantage in cutting a canal through rock in this way, would be that the stone could be taken out in the best possible size and shape, to lay with the greater advantage in forming a smooth wall on the sides of the canal. The cutting the stone out in this way would leave the sides of the canal smooth throughout the great cut in the main rock. The top, or roof, could be cut in the form of an arch, and in that way make it entirely safe against falling stones. I have ventured to call attention to the use of a sand blast, in hope that it may have help on the good work of opening an ocean canal.

From all that I have been able to learn of the different routes that have been surveyed, I find myself compelled to believe that our friend, Count de Lesseps, will, on a fuller examination, find that the San Blas route can be cut through, by the means that I propose, for one-half the cost that would be required to make the canal on the Panama route. I believe the San Blas route will be found to be as much freer from difficulties as it is shorter in its length. It will be free from the terrible danger that must always hang over the Panama Canal, on account of the possibility of the canal being entirely destroyed by the breaking away of a dam that is to be some 60 feet in height and some 400 feet in length. This immense dam is intended to hold in check an amount of water that would, by a break, literally destroy the value of the canal, as it might require years of great expense to repair it. I believe that the Constitution of our country has made it the imperious duty of our Congress "to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper to establish justice and provide for the common defense and general welfare of these United States." I believe that our Government can best promote the general welfare, and best provide for the common defense, by furnishing all the means to build the entire canal on that route where it can be built, at the smallest amount of cost and in the shortest possible time. I trust that Count de Lesseps will examine with the greatest possible care, the many elaborate surveys that Mr. Kelley has made, at his own cost. Mr. Kelley has satisfied himself that a ship canal can be built for about half the cost, and in about half the time, on the San Blas route, that will be required to build and complete the canal, with its enormous and dangerous dam, on which the Panama Canal must always depend for its safety from the annually-recurring floods of that country.

There are two ways by which our Government can obtain all the money required to build the canal without cost to the American people. It will only require that our Government establish postal savings banks like those of England to take up the unexpended money of our country at 3 per cent. interest, to be invested and used by the Government in the construction of a sea-level canal across the Isthmus. This plan would form for the great mass of the laboring people the only positively safe savings bank of our country. The second plan is for the Government to assume its own sovereign right to pay of the national bonds in exact conformity with the requirements of the law under which the bonds were issued, giving the bondholders the privilege of taking their pay in gold, silver, or paper, at their option, the national money to be made permanently receivable for all forms of taxes, duties, and debts as a par with gold and silver at its present standard value, weight and fineness. The interest that will by this means be saved to the people will enable the Government to expend some hundred millions a year in such national improvements as will most effectually provide for the common defense and the general welfare of the nation.

ONE YEAR TOO EARLY.

Guided by the date given by Mr. Bolton in his "History of Westchester County," the members of the Bedford Presbyterian Church were misled into *preparations for the celebration of the bicentennial anniversary of the church a year too early. The* town records show that the date should be March 22, 1681, and the celebration has been deferred until this time.

FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

SECOND SESSION.—March 2.

SENATE.

THE KELLOGG MEMORIAL.

Mr. HOAR, of Massachusetts, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire and report whether any American citizens have been arrested or imprisoned for the exercise of their constitutional right to petition this body concerning a matter of grand public interest, namely, the title to a seat in this body of a Senator from the State of which they are citizens, with power to send for persons and papers and administer oaths.

This is supposed to refer to the action of the majority of the Louisiana Legislature in regard to the memorial of the minority of that body, in relation to Mr. Kellogg's seat in the Senate.

THE FITZ JOHN PORTER CASE.

The morning hour having expired, the Senate resumed consideration of the bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter.

Mr. LOGAN, of Illinois, opposed the bill. This was an important matter, he said, and should be approached without prejudice. He joined the Senator from New-Jersey [Mr. Randolph] in praise of Porter's soldierly conduct in the Mexican war and in the late civil war, so far as he then acted in a soldierly way. The man true to his country's flag to the end would never find the speaker detracting from his reputation. But there sometimes came a point in the career of a soldier when his record ceased to be a brilliant one. Benedict Arnold's record was at one time as brilliant as that of any soldier in any war. Mr. Logan said he wished to discuss the case from a legal point of view. He held that Congress had no power to set aside a sentence by court-martial. The only way that Gen. Porter could be restored to the Army was by Executive pardon. A part of his sentence was a prohibition to hold offices under the Government. But even after restoration, no one had power to say that he should not permit the rule to be changed, and he understood (though he had no authority for it) that a pledge had been made that no political riders should be put on appropriation bills at this session. He believed that that was what had brought about the clause of the Republican side—that it had been solemnly agreed that no political riders should be put on at the present session if the rule were only left unchanged, and thus the Democratic side had the appearance of victory wish the reality of defeat. The Republican side had won the moral victory against political riders, and he was not afraid that they would again disfigure the appropriation bills of this session. If they did, they would be voted down. The question was, whether the Republican side would fight any longer for a mere point of honor, when the other side had the power to beat them. He criticised the amendment offered to the twenty-first rule by Mr. Warner, which he likened to a block in the new game of 15, which was capable of being revolved about, only to come back to the same place after all. That gentleman had succeeded in expressing his opinion against political riders when his block was changed around, and at last he had voted against adopting the rule. The report was as well made up as if 500 yea and nay votes had been taken. Every member of the Democratic Party (except those who had spoken, and were, therefore, on the record) had voted every time solidly against any modification of the rule, and the record was as well made up as though it were painted upon the sky.

Mr. BLACKBURN said that the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Garfield) promising his remarks with the declaration of irresponsibility, stating that he had no authority for it, had expressed his opinion that some kind of a truce had been made—that some kind of a bargain had been entered into. He [Mr. Blackburn] was not responsible for the gentleman's opinions, but he desired to say that he had no information, and had never even heard the suggestion thrown out that any such truce had been effected or agreement made, nor did he believe that any such proposition had been made.

The previous question was then demanded and seconded, and the rules as amended read at length by the Clerk. At the conclusion of the reading the House proceeded to vote upon the amendments.

The first amendment on which a separate vote was demanded was that providing that the Clerk of the House shall, at the commencement of each Congress, call the members to order, call the roll of members, and pending the election of a Speaker, preserve order, and decide all questions of order, subject to appeal by any member. Agreed to—yeas 144, nays 91.

The amendment giving the Committee on Commerce full jurisdiction over the River and Harbor bill was agreed to without a division.

The amendment giving the Committee on Agriculture jurisdiction over the estimates and appropriations for the Agricultural Department was agreed to—yeas 131, nays 101.

The amendment giving the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds the right to report appropriations for public buildings and grounds was defeated—yeas 101, nays 136.

The next amendment was that offered to the twenty-first rule by Mr. Morrison, of Illinois, and known as the "Morrison" substitute. It was agreed to—yeas 119, nays 119—a strict party vote, with the exception of Messrs. Deuster, of Wisconsin, and Felton, Speer, and Stevens, of Georgia, who voted with the Republicans in the negative.

The next amendment was that requiring the yeas and nays to be taken on the passage of any bill appropriating money or relating to the revenue. After being amended so as to require the yeas and nays to be taken on the passage of the general appropriation and revenue bills and bills for the improvement of rivers and harbors, it was agreed to.

The amendment to rule 28, providing that no motion to suspend the rules and pass a public bill shall be entertained unless the bill shall have been referred to a committee, printed, and distributed, was rejected.

The remaining amendments were agreed to in bulk. The question then recurred on the adoption of the revised rules.

Mr. CONGER demanded the yeas and nays as the only way in which his side of the House could vote against the rule allowing political riders.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the revised rules were adopted—yeas 122, nays 88. Nearly a party vote.

Mr. GARFIELD offered a resolution that the new rules go into effect next Monday. Adopted.

The House then, at 5:30 o'clock, adjourned.

CLAIMING HER HUSBAND'S BODY.

THE CORPSE OF A SUICIDE RECOGNIZED AFTER TWO MONTHS.

On the 7th of January the body of an unknown man was found floating in the North River, at the foot of Twenty-eighth-street, and was removed to the Morgue for identification. After it had remained at the Morgue for the usual length of time, without being claimed, Coroner Brady gave a certificate of death by drowning, and the remains were interred in the City Cemetery on Hart's Island. Nothing further was heard about the matter until yesterday morning, when Mrs. Amalie Hersel, of No. 317 West Thirty-sixth-street, called at the Coroner's office and informed Coroner Brady that she had ascertained that the remains referred to above were those of her husband, Andreas Hersel, who had been missing for several months, and she was prepared to claim the body and giving it decent interment. Mrs. Hersel said that her husband was 40 years of age and a native of Switzerland. He had been in this country over 20 years, and they had been married five years. For the last nine years he had been in the employ of the Sixth-Avenue Railroad Company, first as a driver and then as a watchman. About 12 months ago while in front of the Sixth-avenue depot he was struck on the head by a piece of iron which fell from the track of the elevated railroad, and was severely injured. At times since the accident he had shown symptoms of insanity, and when alone was in the habit of muttering to himself. He commenced a suit against the Sixth-avenue Railroad, but settled it for $1000. He had never, however, threatened to take his life. Mrs. Hersel said that she disagreed with her husband, and they separated on the 1st of September. She had met him frequently since the separation, but they were not on friendly terms. On the 30th of January she was informed by Carl Kemmer that her husband had committed suicide, and that if she went to the Morgue she would learn more about it. She did not go to the Morgue until the 23d ult., and then she recognized the photograph taken of the man found drowned at Twenty-eighth-street on the 7th of January as that of her husband, and also identified the clothes taken from the body. She was in a dilemma as to the disinterment of her husband's remains, as he had been buried as an unknown man, and Coroner Brady gave her an amended death certificate, and referred her to the Commissioners of Charities.

A WESTCHESTER DIVORCE.

The suit of Kate A. Searles against Frank I. Searles, both of Sing Sing, was tried at White Plains yesterday, before Judge Barnard, without a jury. The suit was brought by the plaintiff, the wife of the defendant, for a decree of divorce on the grounds of abandonment, inhuman conduct, and infidelity on the part of the defendant. The latter did not put in an appearance at court, owing to the fact that in September last, on account of domestic infelicities, he went away from his family, and is supposed to be enlisted in the Army. At all events, he has not shown himself since in Sing Sing. William G. Valentine represented the plaintiff, and Smith Lent the defendant. The answer put in to these allegations was in the shape of an affidavit made by Mr. Lent, on information derived from defendant's father, and made as a defense, that all his acts were condoned by the plaintiff. The Judge promptly granted the decree of divorce, allowing the plaintiff $5 per week alimony, $75 counsel fees, and absolute custody of her child as long as it shall live.

TWO REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Among the instruments recorded at the Register's office last Saturday, were two deeds, which have been suppressed by the employes of that office so effectually that the combined efforts of the reporters failed to unearth them on that day. One of the papers was a deed by which James Roche conveys to Charles R. Robert a plot of land, 172.12 by 125.04, by irregular, located on the east side of Hicks-avenue, 225 feet north of One Hundred and Sixteenth-street, for a nominal consideration. Nothing could be ascertained about the other suppressed document, further than that it was a deed from J. Hentzes to Louis A. Loew, a brother of the Register, who is employed as collector in his brother's office. A request for the production of the paper elicited the reply that it could not be had for publication, as Mr. Loew did not desire to have the transaction reported.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, March 2, 1880.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkgs	49	Molasses, hhds	699
S. W. Flour, pkgs	107	Spirits Turp., bbls	11
Meal, pkgs	1,049	Grain, bush	3,000
Beef-tcs, pkgs	8	Oilcake, pkgs	202
Cotton, bales	9,815	Pecans, pkgs	74
Dried Fruit, pkgs	98	Peanuts, pkgs	1,000
Eggs, pkgs	3,960	Beef, tcs	8
Flour, bbls	12,650	Pork, pkgs	2,700
Corn-meal, pkgs	26	Lard, tcs	700
Wheat, bushels	41,600	Lard, kgs	1,100
Corn, bushels	91,000	Butter, pkgs	3,000
Oats, bushels	22,200	Cheese, pkgs	750
Rye, bushels	800	Dressed Hogs, No	840
Malt, bushels	1,400	Rice, pkgs	463
Barley, bushels	4,800	Tallow, pkgs	8
Grass, pkgs	230	Sponge, bales	3
Cheese, pkgs	708	Skins, bales	220
Beef, pkgs	1,182	Hides, No	2,000
Hides, bales	1,131	Steamers, pkgs	150
Hops, bales	104	Tallow, pkgs	825
Iron, bales	26	Tobacco, hhds	12
Lead, pigs	825	Whisky, bbls	818
Leather, sides	3,003	Wool, bales	14
Moss, bales	142		

COTTON—In the option line business has been very moderate approaches a further reduction of 2@4 points for January deliveries, but the rest of the list quoted essentially unaltered as to values. Sales have been reported for prompt delivery of 691 bales, including 55 bales to spinners and 130 bales to exporters, at 11 1-16c. @11 3-16c. for Ordinary, 11 5-16c. @11 7-16c. for Strict Low Middling, at 11 7-16c. @11 9-16c. for Low Middling, at 11 9-16c. @11 11-16c. for Middling, at 11 3-16c. @11 5-16c. for Strict Low Middling, at 11 7-16c. @11 9-16c. for Middling, and at 11 11-16c. @11 13-16c. for Strict Middling. Sales of futures have been reported for the past week of 79,500 bales, basis of Middling, the receipts for the same time have been 12,171 bales, and thus far this week, 42,246 bales, against 50,272 bales same time the previous week, and since Sept. 1, 1879, have been 4,184,318 bales, against 3,870,592 bales in the preceding Cotton year; consolidated exports (three days) for Great Britain, 9,000 bales; to France, 1,000 bales; to the Continent, 4,329 bales; consolidated stock at the ports, 982,188 bales....Stock in New-York to-day, 397,207 bales.

Month.	Option Sales To-day. Sales.	Prices.
March	3,450	12.91@12.00
April	12,500	12.09@12.18
May	21,500	12.29@12.37
June	24,900	12.43@12.55
July	4,400	12.60@12.70
August	8,100	12.78@12.87
October	2,400	12.96@12.40
November	1,900	12.02@12.13
December	1,400	11.96@11.97

Transferable orders issued at 12.8c.

Month.	Closing Prices on Options. Yesterday.	To-day.
March	12.96@	12.92@12.94
April	12.17@12.18	12.09@12.11
May	12.32@12.33	12.29@12.30
June	12.52@	12.43@12.49
July	12.69@12.68	12.60@
August	12.87@12.86	12.78@12.84
September	12.91@12.92	12.92@12.94
October	12.96@12.98	12.95@12.97
November	12.00@12.01	12.00@12.01
December	11.96@11.98	11.95@11.96

	Yesterday.	Average on Options.
March	12.91	August	12.67
April	12.12	September	12.90
May	12.32	October	12.98
June	12.51	November	12.01
July	12.63		

FLOUR AND MEAL—Business in State and Western Flour has been again quite moderate, as well for home use as for export, and prices have been quoted somewhat weaker, and irregular in tendency. The receipts of meal for the past week have been quite limited, imported since our last of 12,800 bbls. of all grades. Included in the reported sales were 1,050 bbls. low Extras, for shipment within the range of $3 50@$3 75 for Western, and $3 50@$3 75 for Brandywine (sales reported at about $3 50); 900 bbls. City Mills Extra, including West India grades, within the range of $6 45@$6 65, for about fair to fancy, and South American brands quoted at $6 50@$6 75; 1,000 bbls. Superfine, and interior to choice English brands at $5 50@$5 75; 2,750 bbls. Minnesota and Wisconsin clear, in lots part to arrive, at $5 75@$6 75, the latter for strictly choice, mainly at $5 90@$5 95; 1,000 bbls. Patent at $6 for export; 1,900 bbls. do., straight Extras, (these at $5 15@$5 30 for ordinary to very choice, mainly at $5 15@$5 25); 1,600 bbls. Patent Extras at from $5 60@$6 75, the latter for strictly fancy, mainly at $5 90@$6 00; 3,250 bbls. Winter Wheat Extras, these at $5 30@$5 65 for very inferior to very choice Spring, and $4 25@$4 75 for common to fair Winter Extras; 1,000 bbls. Winter Flour at from $5 25@$5 75, mostly Extras at $5 25@$5 75....Southern Flour quoted about as before, on a quiet, firm movement, mostly for shipment; 1,400 bbls. Rye Flour at $4 25@$4 75, as to quality, and 1,000 bbls. Brandywine at $5 25@$5 75, of which about 1,500 bbls. for shipment to South America....Rye Flour quoted at $4 25@$4 50 for fair to fancy....Corn-meal quiet and steady, with 500 bbls. City Brands at $3 25@$3 35, and 500 bbls. Western at $3 25@$3 35.

GRAIN—A moderately active movement has been reported in Winter Wheat to-day, chiefly in the speculative line, the export call having been on a restricted scale. Prices through the week have ruled quite steadily downward, yielding fully 1c. @1½c. a bushel. To-day the close, with a slight revival of the speculative spirit, No. 2 Red sold in the instance of the April option at $1 21 cash, and $1 21½ for May, and closed a little. The latest dealings, however, indicated a relapse to the lowest figures, as in part reflecting the depression noted at the West, especially at Chicago. Spring Wheat has been rather neglected after early delivery chiefly shipment, and has been quoted firm on very meagre offerings. Options on Spring grades generally have ruled quite steady, but the receipts of Western reports were of generally weak and irregular character. Cable advices were of an adverse tenor.... Sales have been reported of 1,014,000 bushels, of which 307,000 bushels were for export, including 55,000 bushels No. 1 White at $1 40@$1 40½, closing at $1 40½ asked (against $1 47 bid, asked, last evening); 54,000 bushels do., March options, at $1 46@$1 47, closing at $1 46 asked (against $1 47 bid, last evening); 5,000 bushels do., April options, at $1 47@$1 47½, closing at $1 47 (against $1 48½, yesterday); 5,000 bushels do., May options, at $1 48@$1 48½, closing at $1 48½ (against $1 49 bid, last evening); 40,000 bushels do., May options, at $1 48@$1 48½, closing at $1 48 (against $1 49½ yesterday); 5,000 bushels do., June options, at $1 49@$1 49½, closing at $1 49½ (against $1 50 bid, last evening); 3,000 bushels No. 2 Spring, (delivery Chicago) at $1 40; 17,000 bushels ungraded Spring within the range of $1 40@$1 43....Corn has been in good request, chiefly for delivery in the current month, and the tone has been quite steady, but moderately active.....Sales have been reported of 218,000 bushels, (of which 158,000 bushels for prompt delivery) including 55,000 bushels No. 2 March, at 48½c., closing at 48@48½c. (against 48½c. yesterday); 40,000 bushels do., mainly at 52½c. closing in favor of holders; New-York No. 2, March options, 112,000 bushels, at 56½@56¾c., closing at 56½c. (against 56½@56¾c. yesterday); 1,000 bushels do., April, at 56½c.; 1,000 bushels do., May, at 57½c.; New-York steamer Mixed, about 60,000 bushels, at 57½@58c., closing about at 58c. do.; March options, 15,000 bushels, at 54½@54¾c., closing at 54½c. (against 55½c. yesterday); 10,000 bushels do., May, at 54c.; Mixed Western, excepting 57@60c. as to quality; New-York No. 2, 54½@54¾c. (mainly 54½c.); Rejected Yellow, 58c.; Rejected White, 50½@57½c.; No. 2 White at 59½c.; steamer White at 58c.; steamer Yellow at 58c.; White Southern, choice about 10,000 bushels for export, at 67½c.....Rye in fair demand, but held full prices; prime State and Western quoted at $1 05@$1 07, the latter for Western; Canada at 95c., and 20,000 bushels California Barley sold at $1 37½, cif, for export.....Barley in fair request, but quotations are nominal.....BARLEY-MALT within our previous range.....Canada Malt, strictly sound, sold at $1 50@$1 60, and Western strictly sound at $1 40@$1 50.....Oats have been quoted steady on the last of 78,000 bushels, including New-York No. 1 White, 4,200 bushels, at 50½@51c., (by sample at Pier 1); New-York No. 2 White, 21,000 bushels, at 49½@49¾c., (mainly at 49½c.); New-York No. 2 Mixed, 6,000 bushels, at 48½c.; New-York No. 2 Mixed, 3,500 bushels, at 48½c. (in elevator at 47c.); New-York No. 2 Mixed, 47½c. (in elevator at 47c.); New-York No. 2 Mixed, 47½c. (in elevator at 47c.); New-York No. 2 Mixed, 47

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NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, MAR. 3, 1880.

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FIFTH-AVENUE—The Pirates of Penzance.
BOOTH'S THEATRE—Humpty Dumpty. Matinée.
MADISON-SQUARE THEATRE—Hazel Kirke.
WALLACK'S THEATRE—The Colleen Bawn.
NIBLO'S GARDEN—H. M. S. Pinafore.
DALY'S THEATRE—The Royal Middy.
HAVERLY'S THEATRE—The Brook. Matinée.
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The Signal Service Bureau report indicates for to-day, in this region, increasing cloudiness, warmer southerly winds, and falling barometer.

Mr. Sherman enlightened the Cabinet yesterday as to some of the effects of the present Silver law. Under its operation, he is reported to have said, silver is constantly accumulating in the Treasury vaults which it is practically impossible to get into circulation. One of the chief obstacles he encountered in his efforts to spread the dollar of our fathers was the use of silver certificates. The canny Americans, especially on the Pacific coast, carry their dollars to the Sub-Treasury, get certificates for them, and use these for transfer to New-York. Mr. Sherman appears to think that if it were not for the certificates, the dollars would be more generally used. This may be true to a limited extent, but not to a very important one. There are about $5,000,000 of silver certificates outstanding, and there is more than seven times this amount of hard dollars uncovered by certificates in the Treasury. The main difficulty with the pet dollar is that the sentimental liking for it, so profusely professed by politicians, does not outweigh with the people its inconvenience and its intrinsic inferiority in value.

There is something ludicrous as well as deplorable in the persistent efforts made by Secretary Sherman to capture delegations from Southern States in favor of his nomination at Chicago. Delegates secured by the influence of office-holders or under promises of receiving office are likely to bolt with great alacrity to the winning side, and Secretary Sherman's strength in the National Convention will be insignificant enough to convince his bread-and-butter brigade, perhaps before the first ballot, that their interests lie somewhere else. Meanwhile, the Secretary succeeds in alienating the support from Northern States to which his financial achievements and his supposed freedom from disreputable political alliances would have entitled him. He succeeds, moreover, in casting fresh discredit on the Administration to which he belongs, and in holding up to public contempt the much-abused civil service professions of the President. The abrupt change of front by Federal office-holders in Virginia, in regard to the abstinence from active partisan work required by the civil service order, shows that they have the Secretary's assurance that this manifesto can be safely regarded as a dead letter. It might not be satisfactory, but it would certainly be instructive, were the President to attempt just one more authoritative interpretation of the scope and meaning of that celebrated order.

In the words of Senator Woodin, the Governor has "bowed to the will of the people" by withdrawing the nomination of John F. Smyth to succeed himself as Superintendent of Insurance. A proper respect for the will of the people would have moved Mr. Cornell to refrain from making any such nomination at all, and would not have subjected him to the imputation of being more desirous to discharge a political debt than to perform his entire duty as Governor of the State. The inevitable rejection of Mr. Smyth's nomination might have been more humiliating to the Governor than the withdrawal of that nomination, but an actual vote on the subject would have had a certain special value, by affording a test of the number of Senators who are ready to permit their obligations to the party "machine" to overcome their sense of public duty. It is hinted that the Governor may not send in any other name for Superintendent of Insurance during the present session. That would involve the retention of Mr. Smyth in office, and would hardly bear out Mr. Woodin's conception of the Governor's character as a respecter of public opinion. If, in the estimation of the Governor, the office of Superintendent of Insurance can be filled only by an active and unscrupulous political worker, the sooner the office is abolished the better it will be for the interests of the great body of policy-holders.

It is satisfactory to learn that the Czar's benevolent intentions have not been wholly marred by the recent attempt on his life, and that the good old custom of celebrating a national festival by remitting taxes and releasing prisoners, practiced by the Danish and Norwegian Kings of the twelfth century, has been observed once more. Equally appropriate was the appearance of the veteran Chancellor, Prince Gortschakoff, who, on the first day of the reign which has just completed its quarter-century, was saving Russia from destruction by keeping Austria from taking part in the Crimean war. But the Emperor William's friendly hope, "countersigned by Prince Bismarck," that the good-will subsisting between the Czar and himself may continue unbroken "to the end of his life," has a sinister ring in it to those who remember how very short that life is likely to be, and how increasingly imminent is the peril that its close may change the hollow truce between Germany and Russia into open and bloody hostility.

No body of presumably representative Republicans more impudently defy the wishes of their constituents than the Republicans in the Board of Aldermen. They were certainly not elected to whitewash every abuse in the City Government, to sustain every job in Municipal legislation, and to keep in office every incapable or corrupt officer whom there is a chance to remove. And yet that represents pretty nearly what the Republican Aldermen have done and persist in doing. Their steadfast alliance with the Kelly men in the board is defensible neither on grounds of partisan expediency nor public duty. The alliance has been too long perpetuated to be within the reach of argument, though a salutary impression might be made by some decided expressions of dissent from organizations devoted to the reform of Municipal Government. Without prejudging the case against Superintendent Dudley, there have been far graver accusations preferred against him than against the management of the East River bridge, which the majority of the Aldermen recommend for investigation. The narrow and short-sighted partisanship which has guided the course of the Republican Aldermen in this and other matters will impose a heavy load on their party next Fall, and can hardly fail to leave Republicans with a very slender power for good or evil on the board to be chosen, together with a new Mayor, in November.

THE SURRENDER OF TARIFF REFORM.

By a majority of one, the Committee of Ways and Means yesterday decided to lay upon the table the bill for the reduction of the protective duty on steel rails, and to indefinitely postpone Mr. Gibson's bill with reference to sugar duties and Mr. Morrison's bill for a somewhat general reduction of the tariff. This may be regarded as a formal surrender on the part of the committee of an attempt to amend the tariff. It is not impossible that the committee may yet take the steel rail bill from its table, or that the temper of the House may force it to give attention to some specific measure. But this is not probable. The majority of the committee undoubtedly acted according to settled convictions. The bill with reference to steel rails presented the principle of tariff reform in its plainest possible form. The refusal of the committee to take it up can only be regarded as an expression of settled hostility to reform, and it is not likely that at the advanced stage of the session, which has now entered on its fourth month, the committee will not adhere to its present position, and erect against every proposition for an amendment of the tariff the insurmountable bar of their refusal to act.

This course is to be regretted. It is wholly opposed to the permanent interests of the country. It betrays a lamentable ignorance of the actual commercial situation, and a narrow adhesion to the prejudices and traditions of a quarter of a century ago. We note, with especial surprise, that the action of the committee was determined by the vote of Mr. Garfield, who, in casting it, certainly represented very poorly the great and progressive Ohio Valley. It is hardly denied, by even the most extreme protectionists, that our tariff is very crudely adjusted; that it levies heavy protective duties for the benefit of industries which no longer need protection; that it sustains powerful and unjust monopolies; that it violates the first principles of rational protection by taxing inordinately articles which enter as raw material into manufactures far more important than those directly helped by the tax; that it restricts commerce and keeps down the public revenue in many directions, with no adequate compensation to any class; and that it is in many respects costly of administration and confused and complicated in its provisions. But because most of the protected industries feel the essential weakness of their position, they have combined to resist all attempts to improve the tariff, and they have succeeded. A peculiarly striking instance of the temper of their champions was given in the House yesterday. Mr. Frye, of Maine, acknowledged that he had consented as one of the committee to instruct in favor of a report on the revision of the rules which would permit riders on appropriation bills, because he was afraid, if the report was not allowed, some proposition to change the tariff might be got before the House. This was a curious admission for a Republican Representative who aspires to be the leader of the House. He was willing to give the Democrats, under the rules of the House, extraordinary power to pass the riders to appropriation bills which his party fought desperately through all the extra session, rather than permit the House to vote on tariff amendments. The advocates and movers of such amendments are disinterested men. They do not represent particular industries or special classes. They are actuated by what they consider, whether correctly or not, the general and permanent interests of the whole country. They had certain convictions as to economic laws which, whatever their correctness or error, are at least dictated by no mean motives, and the advocacy of which can give them no gain beyond the approval of intelligent constituents. And yet they are to be hindered, if possible, from bringing their views before Congress, from having them fairly discussed, and from obtaining a vote upon their merits. Such a policy is unworthy the Legislature of a free people. It cannot be sustained on any grounds. It is a denial of free discussion regarding a most important question of public interest. It is a palpable abuse of legislative power, which must, sooner or later, provoke emphatic condemnation.

The habit into which Congressmen have fallen, and of which the recent action of the Ways and Means Committee is a fair example, of regarding the tariff solely from the stand-point of special interests, is a bad habit, and the sooner it is abandoned the better for the country. The hearings just brought to a close as to the steel rail duty are a case in point. They were confined almost entirely to receiving the arguments of attorneys, either of the rail mills or the railroads. Scarcely any effort was made to ascertain the interests of the country at large. The attorneys for the railways were permitted to present a few general facts in this connection, but the committee sought no information on their own account, while the attorneys for the rail mills devoted much of their time to aspersing the motives of their opponents. The representatives of the special interests, who appeared to claim the maintenance of a high duty, were not required to give any clear account of the actual profits or mode of management of their industry. It seemed to be conceded from the start that the privileges now enjoyed should be continued unless some powerful class appeared to oppose them. The poor tax-payer was as completely ignored as if the committee held their seats by the votes of rail-makers or railway corporations, instead of by those of the electors in their districts. And it is only too plain that the committee have finally concluded to drop the whole subject, not because it is not of importance to the country, or because the people are not concerned in it, but because the preponderance of paid or interested advocacy is in favor of maintaining monopoly and not in favor of a gradual advance toward freedom from monopoly.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS DECISIONS.

The Supreme Court of the United States has now spoken on one of the most important questions growing out of the war. That court had not before declared what was the meaning of this amendment with reference to the rights of colored citizens. But its meaning on other points had been considered in several cases and had divided the Judges almost evenly. The majority had advanced the theory of national citizenship as distinguished from State citizenship, and held that it was not the purpose of the fourteenth amendment to interfere with State control of the rights of a citizen of a State. In view of this position taken by the court, and in view of the wide difference of opinion among the Judges as to the meaning of the fourteenth amendment, it had become a matter of speculation whether the court would hold that the jury rights of colored citizens were or were not among those rights secured by that amendment. That there was much ground for this doubt is further shown by the fact that two of the eight Justices dissented from the opinion of the majority. Had the court applied the theory above referred to, and held that jury rights were matters of State citizenship, wholly within the control of a State, and beyond the reach of the fourteenth amendment, it can hardly be imagined what rights might not have been denied to colored citizens, or what rights might be said to be secured to them by that amendment. Such a judgment would have been but the entering wedge, which in time would have stripped the colored citizen of his most valuable civil rights, and virtually defeated the very purpose for which the amendment was adopted.

It is then a matter of rejoicing that the Supreme Court has given an opinion which has the true ring to it, and which is in full harmony with the great purpose of the amendment. It declares in broad terms that the fourteenth amendment and the acts of Congress passed to give effect to it "place the colored race, in respect of civil rights, on a level with whites. They made the rights and responsibilities, civil and criminal, of the two races exactly the same." So far as appears from the published abstracts of the opinions, the court let its theory about Federal and State citizenship rest, and based its decision on that clause of the amendment which prohibits a State from denying the equal protection of the law to any of its citizens. Three opinions in three separate cases were pronounced. But in all the one great question was whether the exclusion of colored citizens from juries on account of their color is a violation of the fourteenth amendment and the acts of Congress relating to it. The court did not hesitate to declare that the statute of West Virginia which expressly disqualifies black jurors, and whose constitutionality has been affirmed by the Supreme Court of that State, is a discrimination against colored citizens forbidden by the fourteenth amendment, and therefore unconstitutional.

The other two cases decided arose in Virginia. Colored citizens are not expressly disqualified as jurors by the Constitution or laws of that State. But they have been excluded not less effectively by the County Judges, who prepare the jury lists. This proceeding is clearly in violation of the act passed by Congress in 1875, which provides for the trial and punishment of any officer who shall exclude a black citizen from the jury simply on account of his color. The Supreme Court holds that this statute, under which Judge Coles and several other County Judges were recently indicted, was authorized by the fourteenth amendment, and is, therefore, constitutional. The amendment prohibits a State from denying the equal protection of the laws to its citizens. This prohibition is not restricted to the legislative action of a State. It applies not less to the executive and the judicial arm of the State. It extends to any officer or agent who is clothed with the lawful authority of the State. "Whoever, by virtue of public position under a State Government," says the opinion, "deprives another of property, life, or liberty without due process of law, or denies or takes away the equal protection of the laws, violates the constitutional inhibition, and, as he acts in the name of, and for, the State, is clothed with the State's power, his act is that of the State."

The court holds that the cases of the two negroes named Reynolds were improperly removed from the State to the Federal tribunals, and orders the restoration of the prisoners to the State authorities. This conclusion rests on the interpretation of those sections of the Revised Statutes which provide for the removal of a cause to the United States court when a right is denied in a State tribunal. The court does not deny—on the contrary, it expressly affirms—that Congress has power under the fourteenth amendment to pass the most effective laws for the removal of cases to the Federal jurisdiction, when jury rights are denied to colored citizens in a State court. But the statutes in force are not as broad on this point as the constitutional provision, and do not provide for a case like that of Reynolds. Moreover, in this case the accused had claimed the right to be tried by a mixed jury. Such a jury in any particular case is clearly not essential to equality of protection, and the right to demand it is certainly not secured by the fourteenth amendment. What a colored citizen is entitled to under that amendment is that a jury shall be chosen without distinction as to color. This may or may not result in a mixed jury, but whether it does or not, there is no denial of equal protection. The decision of the Supreme Court leaves no doubt, then, that the fourteenth amendment is broad enough and plain enough to secure to colored citizens the enjoyment of those rights which have been flagrantly denied to them in Virginia and West Virginia, and doubtless in other Southern States. And if the existing statutes are not sufficiently effective for this purpose, it is now settled that Congress has ample power to pass those that will be.

It was not to be expected that Judge Field, who, with Justice Clifford, dissented from the majority, would neglect so favorable an opportunity to enlighten the court and the country concerning the true relations that the General Government bears to the States. He declared that nothing more than the opinion in the Coles case "could have a greater tendency to destroy the independence and autonomy of the States, reduce them to a degrading dependence on the Central Government, engender constant irritation, and destroy that domestic tranquillity which it was one of the objects of the Constitution to insure."

FIRE INSURANCE BUSINESS.

The report of business transacted in this State by fire insurance companies during the year 1879, which has been issued from the Insurance Department at Albany, must prove to the holders of insurance stock very unsatisfactory reading. As a statement of business done, this report is but a partial one, as nine out of every ten of the companies which are included in the list do business in other States besides this, and their good or bad fortune in these other enterprises might materially change the results to the owners of shares. Taking, however, the exhibit made up by Superintendent Smyth, we find that during the past year rather more than 70 per cent. of the money received in New-York State for fire premiums was paid out in fire losses. In the year 1878, on the other hand, the out-go was only about 42 per cent. of the income. Carrying the comparison through a series of years, it is found that while the latter proportion is a small one, the former is an excessively high one. The average of loss on what may be considered a moderate year for insurance companies is a trifle under 50 per cent., this usually allowing a margin for ordinary expenses and a fair cash dividend to those who risk their capital in the business. In 1873 a large gain was needed in this State to offset the numerous losses that occurred elsewhere; and thus, though the companies, if limited to our own State territory, made money by these operations, the year was an unfavorable one when the entire results of the business throughout the country were taken into account.

But in Mr. Smyth's statement a false appearance of profit has been given, that we are quite sure will not be borne out by the books of most of the companies. For the purpose of aiding him in his calculation, he has assumed, where the actual figures were not obtainable, that the expenses of the various companies were 30 per cent. of their receipts. As a matter of fact this is a gratuitous underestimate, as for a number of years past the expenses of our New-York State companies have averaged over 40 per cent. of their premium receipts. Indeed, the evident absurdity of such basis is shown by the report itself. Nineteen out of the eighty-one New-York companies have sent in their returns in such a condition that their actual expenses can be given. Of this number, eighteen companies report their expenses as over 50 per cent. of their premium receipts, and one at over 45 per cent. of the same. It is fair, therefore, to suppose that the other seventy-two companies have had to make proportionate outlays, and that the State Insurance Department has put its estimate at an unwarrantably low figure. With non-State companies, whether foreign or American, the case is somewhat different. The uniform testimony of past reports is that they are conducted in a much more economical manner than our own corporations. It would be departing from our present purpose to inquire into the reason for this difference; but it can be easily shown that in the past the ratio of expense incurred by these non-State companies, when compared with their receipts, is fully 10 per cent. lower than in the case of our local companies. The 30 per cent. estimate is a low one when applied to these returns, but it is far more applicable than it is when the group under consideration is formed of New-York State companies. The result is of necessity more satisfactory, because it approaches nearer to the truth. It shows that in their New-York State business these outside corporations, with very few exceptions, have lost money; that is, fire losses and expenses have more than absorbed the premiums taken by them, and the few that have made money have done so only to a very limited extent.

But this same rule of 30 per cent., when applied to our local companies, brings about a wholly different, and what we are convinced is an erroneous, result. According to Mr. Smyth's statement, 29 New-York State companies have lost money and 52 companies have made money upon their State business, the gainers, both in number and amount made, being largely in the majority. The inference to be drawn from this is that our local underwriters are shrewder than their outside rivals, and have, therefore, been able to thrive where no sustenance was offered to the latter. We cannot understand what object the Insurance Superintendent could have had in building up such a belief, which has only a shadowy foundation, or why he should think it desirable to disguise the fact that our local companies have, with hardly an exception, lost money during the last year. The assumption in the report is that $983,548 was made by the 52 companies, and $398,105 was lost by the 29 companies; but by applying the estimate which experience proves to be much nearer the true one than Mr. Smyth's standard—that is, putting expenses on the basis of 40 per cent., this visionary profit of nearly one million of dollars is almost wholly swept away. The underwriters and the mercantile public might as well face the conclusion first as last, that the year 1879 was a disastrous one to the business of fire insurance. Just how disastrous it was cannot be accurately determined until completed returns have been aggregated; but this much may safely be said, that almost all of the companies both of this and other States begin the present year with much smaller surpluses as regards their policy-holders than they did the year 1879. Unless there is a decided increase in rates of premium or a marked decrease in the amount of fire loss, a large number of the 168 companies now doing business in New-York State will before long be obliged, in consequence of an impairment in capital, to discontinue operations.

NORTH AS WELL AS SOUTH.

The attention of the American public has not been sufficiently called to the British project of a transcontinental railway to connect the Canadian sea-board with the Pacific coast. This railway is to be built exclusively on British territory, and, though the project has met with many discouraging delays, a determined effort to carry it out is about to be made.

In regard to this British Pacific railway, it is our patriotic duty to take the ground that it cannot possibly be built, that the United States will not permit it to be built, and that when it is built it must be controlled by the United States. These propositions are so self-evident that they need no argument, but owing to some unaccountable reason they have never been properly placed before our people.

That the Canadian Pacific Railway cannot be built is the firm opinion of those two distinguished American engineers, Capt. Smith and Mr. Brown. They have both repeatedly visited Montreal and Quebec, and hence know all about the so-called Saskatchewan route. They maintain that the proposed route will have to be graded, that several streams will have to be crossed by bridges, and that both viaducts and tunnels will be required. Even were it possible to build bridges, bore tunnels, and grade the road-bed, the fact that it frequently rains in British Columbia in the Spring and Fall, and that the workmen would get wet unless they were to be provided with umbrellas, is fatal to the proposed scheme. These eminent engineers insist that had their arguments been accepted as conclusive, no company could have been formed to build a Canadian Pacific Railway, and since their opinion of the impracticability of the route has not been heeded, it is sufficiently clear that the company has undertaken what it cannot possibly carry out.

There is, however, too much probability that the railway will be built, in spite of the demonstrated impossibility of building it, and we must be ready to meet this deplorable state of affairs. Every patriotic American will admit that this country must control every highway for commerce between the two oceans, with the exception of the Straits of Magellan, which are too far south to be reached in safety by an American man-of-war of average strength. Had we chosen to build a Canadian Pacific Railway, we could, of course, have built it, and would naturally have controlled it. As we did not so choose, we must, nevertheless, insist on our right to control any such railway if it is built by other people. It is true that we have nothing to send over the Canadian Pacific Railway, and that the freight carried by that route will belong exclusively to other nations. That, however, does not affect our right to control, and it is our duty to formally announce to Canada and Great Britain that the Canadian Pacific Railway must be placed under the protectorate of the United States.

The men who imprudently undertake to build a transcontinental railroad in British territory and with British capital have strangely forgotten the existence of our glorious Monroe doctrine. That doctrine, as every one knows, forbids Europeans to do anything whatever on this continent except to naturalize themselves in New-York City and vote the Democratic ticket. We turned the French out of Mexico, not because they had wickedly attempted to give that unhappy country a stable Government, but because the Monroe doctrine was violated by the meddling of Frenchmen on the American Continent. The *World* at this moment is solemnly warning M. De Lesseps not to dig a canal across the isthmus, because he is a Frenchman, and the Monroe doctrine forbids any Frenchman to dig canals in Central America. There are many people who imagine that the Monroe doctrine is applicable only to the southern part of this continent, but this is manifestly a mistake. If a Frenchman cannot dig a canal on territory south of the United States, Englishmen cannot build a railroad on territory north of the United States. If we have a right to say what shall not be done in Mexico or the Central American Republics by Europeans, we have an equal right to say what Europeans shall not do in British America. If we will not permit M. De Lesseps to dig his canal because he is the subject of a powerful European Government, we must not permit a company of Englishmen, who are the subjects of a still more powerful European Government, to build a transcontinental railway. Where is our self-respect, our love of country, our pride in the Monroe doctrine, when we sit quietly down and let impertinent Englishmen plan a Pacific railway through Canadian territory? It is idle to say that we have nothing to do with railways in territory belonging to the Dominion. Does not the Isthmus of Panama belong to Colombia, and have we anything more to do with Colombia than we have with British America?

The *World* should take up this great question of the Canadian Pacific Railway and discuss it in its usual "superb English" without delay, and Senator Burnside should request the Senate to "view with alarm" the violation of the Monroe doctrine contemplated by the English railway-builders. It will not do for us to apply the Monroe doctrine exclusively to small Spanish-American Republics which we are strong enough to bully. We must apply it to the whole continent, north as well as south. If we allow the Canadian Pacific Railway to be built, we cannot consistently forbid the digging of the Panama Canal. How we are going to prevent the completion of either the one or the other is a mere question of detail. Our plain duty is to let the eagle scream, and thereby notify England as well as France that we will support the Monroe doctrine with all the large words at our command.

The accident to the *Nevada*, on the 28th, brings more prominently into notice than ever Capt. Trudelle's plan of approaching New-York. It may as well be remarked at once that there is a disposition on the part of both American and English Captains to deride the Trudelle plan, simply for this stupid reason that a French sailor is incompetent to teach an American or an English jack-tar. Now, the method presented by Capt. Trudelle may be a slow one in which soundings have to be made, but it is essentially a safe one. If his plan of approaching Sandy Hook or the light-ships were adopted by prudent officers, there never could be any risks to run. It is not intended for fair weather, but for precisely such thick weather as the *Nevada* encountered. It is much better, that, to be slow and sure, and lose half a day's time on a trip, than to endanger innumerable lives. Until further information is received, the theory of a new bank formed off the Hook, on which the *Nevada* grounded, must be taken for what it is worth.

At Municipal Hall the other evening, in the course of a discussion of the subject of commercial co-operation, in which the Rev. R. Heber Newton, Mr. Glendhill, Mr. Charles L. Brace, of the Children's Aid Society, and other prominent social statists and philanthropists took part, one of the speakers laid bare the merits of the case with such brevity and lucidness that his remarks were worth heeding. "It is useless," he said, "for men not belonging to their class to come together in a hall on Madison-avenue and tell the working man of the City of New-York what they need. They will not even give themselves the trouble to come here and listen, and if you, gentlemen, were to supply the capital to start a store on every square in the City, they would simply regard the new establishment as a rival to their own grocery, and trade with you or not irrespective of your philanthropic pretensions. In a word, if co-operative stores are ever to be successfully established in this country, the demand for them must come from the working classes themselves, and the system must arise out of their own efforts and intelligent combination to better their condition." The speaker said he did not see any real movement among the working classes in this country looking to the application of such a system as was in operation in Great Britain, and he did not find among them the power of successful leadership that had been presented abroad in the working men's movements. There is more truth than poetry in these remarks, and more candor than forbearance. The working men of this country have certainly not as yet developed leaders capable of grasping the social and economical problems that concern them, with the same intelligence, moderation, and capacity to take advantage of circumstances which have been shown in British literature and reports of trade movements during the last ten years. One often sees in British journals devoted to the interests of the working men essays on social and economical questions that show great breadth of view and very exact knowledge of the facts. In American journals of the same class, on the contrary, there is usually more than enough of vehement declamation, of abuse of capital, and glorification of labor; but the clear and well-digested plan, the candid and intelligent discussion and measurement of the value of ascertained facts, however adverse and uninviting, and the steady and purposeful execution of projects for improvement, are elements conspicuously absent in the life and literature of our working classes, who seem to see no remedy but the disorganizing strike for the ills of low wages and high prices. It is possible that, backed by the prestige of such men as Parke Godwin, Charles L. Brace, R. Heber Newton, E. L. Godkin, and others as widely known in social science, a system of co-operation founded for the working men, but not by them, may gradually obtain their confidence and support, and be appropriated by them as a means of redistributing a portion of the yearly profits of business. In Great Britain last year not less than $9,000,000 of all the profits consequent upon the retail and wholesale distribution of necessary commodities went into the pockets of the working men.

The Border City Mill, at Fall River, which caught fire day before yesterday, but escaped with only a few thousand dollars' loss, may well be counted as unlucky. The corporation originally had two mills, one of which was burned down about two years ago, and has not been rebuilt, owing to the discovery, not long after, of the defalcations of George T. Hathaway, now an inmate of the State Prison at Concord. A marked peculiarity of the Border City Mills is that they were a premeditated swindle from the very beginning. The idea of putting them up—so Hathaway has expressed—was suggested by S. Angier Chace, also a resident of Concord, but then President of the Union Mills, that he might induce Hathaway, his cousin, to issue unauthorized paper, and so raise money for the benefit of Chace, thus hoping to cover up his own frauds, then going on for years. Hathaway did not perceive the design, he has said, but got the stock in the new mills taken in good faith. When the first installment of 10 per cent. was paid in, Chace demanded the money, and got it, as he got most of the money afterward received from the unsuspecting stockholders. In this manner the very first money subscribed to the Border City was stolen, as was nearly all the capital, amounting to $1,000,000. The stockholders lost every dollar they had paid, and have not the remotest prospect of recovering anything. Since the exposure of Hathaway and Chace, the remaining mill has been conducted in the interest of the creditors, to whom over $2,000,000 are due, not counting the obliterated capital of $1,000,000. It has done a good business since the renewed activity and advance in print cloths, and in the course of years may, with continued prosperity, pay a proportion of its debt to the creditors. It is not often that a corporation goes on with obligations of $3,000,000; but as the mill and machinery are there, it is wise to employ them, while there is any profit in the trade, for the benefit of the numberless victims. Meanwhile, the Border City enjoys the unenviable distinction of being the only mill in New-England, or on the continent, which was set up with the deliberate purpose of stealing every cent that should be put into it.

A number of efforts have been made to introduce into the United States not only game but singing birds. Some years ago a great many Messina quail were brought to this country by game clubs from the Mediterranean coast, but what has become of these birds is not very well known. A statement was made, however, that a covey of them had taken refuge on a vessel in the neighborhood of the Bahamas, the birds flying southerly, but this story needs confirmation. The complaint made by Europeans that we have not enough singing birds in the United States had led some people to bring to this country certain English songsters, but their praiseworthy efforts have not, apparently, met with success. The English lark, the most glorious of all the vocal birds, experts think, will not thrive in our peculiar dry Summer climate. It cannot be the absence of insects, however, which could prevent the birds picking up an existence, as our fields and woods teem with life. Perhaps it is the climate, after all, which prevents our rearing this fine bird. It has been proposed that the Chinese lark, such as is found in Canton, and to which the Cantonese dotterel might be exactly the singing bird adapted to our country. Mrs. Gray, in her "Fourteen Months in Canton," informs us that this bird is a famous singer. It must be a hardy bird, for Canton has the most varied of climates, being intensely hot in Summer and very cold in Winter. A few birds might be brought over from China, and the experiment could be tried. A suggestion which seems to have a good deal of reason has been advanced, that choice of locality, where a strange bird is placed, might have a great deal to do with its remaining in the country. Geographical considerations as to the lay of the land and the proximity of the sea should be considered. Leaving entirely out of the question whether migration arises from instinct or reason, we know that birds fly southerly in Winter and northerly in Summer. Now, suppose a strange migratory bird were placed in the Summer in any of the New-England States. As Winter comes he flies southerly. Following the line of longitude, then, if a bird flew from any of the New-England States, or from Eastern New-York or New-Jersey, Maryland or Delaware, he would invariably, after having continued a few days of travel, reach the Atlantic, and, exhausted, fall into the sea. It is proposed, then, to place the birds to be experimented upon in the centre of the country, say in Summer in Tennessee or Kentucky. Then it is agreed that they would take a northern flight, and continue their journey to the end of it, with land always in sight. Once the route being known, their instinct would keep them ever afterward within safe lines of migration.

The public libraries of this City have been sharply—and often justly—criticised with respect both to their collections and their management. It is not generally known that there is in this City an institution which is an honorable exception to these criticisms. The Library of the New-York Law Institute is the best collection of English legal literature in the world. It contains about 27,000 volumes, and is growing at the average rate of 1,100 volumes a year. Two law libraries in the United States are numerically larger. The law department of the Library of Congress contains about 40,000 volumes, and the legal branch of the New-York State Library about 28,000. But the value of a collection of books is not in mere numbers. The library at Washington contains about 10,000 duplicates, while both this collection and that at Albany are adulterated by masses of public documents which seldom serve any better purpose than to take up room and become undisturbed depositories of dust. In completeness as a law collection, in the number of useful and used books, in all the advantages of a great library to the working lawyer, both the Washington and the Albany libraries are decidedly inferior to that of the New-York Law Institute. And so is the best of the British law libraries, that of Lincoln's Inn, which contains only about 10,000 volumes. The library of the Bar Association, in this City, is an excellent institution, and is yearly growing better. But it is nearly 12,000 volumes behind the Law Institute Library. The Law Institute is a corporation about 50 years old. Its members are elected by ballot, and are chiefly, but not necessarily, lawyers. The number is now about 800 and is steadily increasing; it costs from $150 to $200 to become a member, depending on whether the amount is paid down or by installments. In addition to this are the annual dues of $10. The income from this source gives an ample fund for buying books and meeting running expenses. The library has no rent to pay, the Government giving it magnificent rooms in the Post Office Building, in consideration of the use of books by the United States Judges and other officers. About every law-book in the English language that a lawyer may want to consult is to be found in the library. The few rare ones wanting are rare old volumes, not to be had except by chance; and for these a sharp look out is always kept. Every current law publication which appears in the English language, whether report, statute, treatise, digest, or periodical, whether published in the United States, Great Britain, or Canada, is received with unusual promptness after publication. The library also has a considerable collection of legal works in foreign languages, and is constantly receiving current publications of this kind. The management of the library, its arrangement of books, &c., are as exceptionally good as its collection. The absence of red tape in the use of books is as delightful as the intelligent and courteous help which a member always receives from those in charge of the library. The catalogue of this institution, prepared by Mr. William H. Wiebers, one of the Assistant Librarians, is the most thorough and accurate work of the kind on legal bibliography ever published.

STATE TAXATION OF BANK STOCK.

A JUDGMENT OF THE NEW-YORK COURT OF APPEALS REVERSED BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Supreme Court rendered several decisions to-day, among them the following:

No. 19—*The People of the State of New-York ex rel. C. P. Williams, Plaintiff in Error, vs. William J. Wesner et al., Assessors.*—In error to the Court of Appeals of New-York. The question involved is the legality of the State's action in virtually discriminating against capital invested in national bank stock in the valuations and assessments made for State taxes. This court holds, first, that the provision of the national bank law, that State taxation on the shares of the banks shall not be at a greater rate than is assessed on other moneyed capital in the hands of citizens of the State, has reference to the entire process of assessment, and includes the valuation of the shares as well as the rates of percentage charged at such valuation. Second, that a statute of a State, therefore, which establishes a mode of assessment by which the shares of the national banks are valued higher in proportion to their real value than other moneyed capital is in conflict with the act of Congress, even though no greater percentage is levied on that valuation than on the valuation of other moneyed capital. Third, that the statute of New-York of 1866, which permits a debtor to deduct the amount of his debts from the valuation of all his personal property, including moneyed capital, except his bank shares, taxes those shares at a greater rate than other moneyed capital, and is, therefore, void as to the shares of national banks. The judgment of the New-York Court of Appeals is reversed.

No. 693—*C. P. Williams, Plaintiff in Error, vs. William J. Wesner et al., Assessors.*—In error to Court of Appeals of New-York. This was a suit brought by Williams to hold the Assessors of the City of Albany individually liable for sums which he and others had been compelled to pay as taxes on national bank stock, by reason of unlawful assessments made by the defendants in error in their official character as the Board of Assessors of the City of Albany. The New-York Court of Appeals held that, in the absence of fraud or intentional wrong, the Assessors were not personally liable in damages for any error in their assessment. This court finds no error in the record which it can properly review, and the judgment is therefore affirmed, with costs.

THE BRITISH GRAIN TRADE.

London, March 2.—The *Mark Lane Express*, in its review of the grain trade for the past week, says: "The wheat trade opened more active, with an improving tendency. The prospect last Monday was decidedly encouraging to holders, and an advance of fully 1s. per quarter was established. Toward the close of the week there was a quieter feeling. On Friday wheat was rather cheaper. Maize on the spot was very scarce; to arrive it was a shade cheaper. The arrivals at ports of call were moderate. At the commencement of the week, wheat improved 6d. to 1s. per quarter, but the advance was subsequently lost. The coast is absolutely bare of maize. Considerable business was done in wheat, which, after all in the week, at 3d. to 6d. advance, which was subsequently lost."

CHICAGO LUMBER TRADE.

Chicago March 2.—The total receipts of lumber at Chicago during 1879 were 1,467,720,000 feet, only a trifling amount coming from Canada. The increase for the year was 25 per cent., or about 300,000,000

THE PROBLEMS OF TRAFFIC

RAILROAD PLANS AND CHANGES.

CHANGES, SALES, AND SELECTIONS OF OFFICERS—A NEW ELEVATED RAILROAD OFFICER.

KEOKUK, March 2.—Col. Hains has resigned the superintendency of the Keokuk and Des Moines Division of the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad, which he has held for three years, and has accepted the position of Assistant General Manager of the Manhattan Elevated Railroad, of New-York City. He will leave here about March 1.

BRATTLEBOROUGH, Vt., March 2.—The stockholders of the Brattleborough and Whitehall Narrow-Gauge Railroad have voted to lease the partially-constructed road from this place to South Londonderry to the New-London and Northern Railroad Company for 99 years, the lessees agreeing to complete and equip the road on or before Oct. 1. The $145,000 of the first mortgage bonds are transferred to the lessees with the assets of the company, subject to outstanding obligations, one of which is to pay the Vermont Valley Railroad $600 annually for the right of way over their road-bed, and then to pay the Narrow-Gauge Company $400 annually to keep up the organization after paying the interest on the $150,000 mortgage bonds at the rate of 6 per cent. The net earnings of the road are to be equally divided between the two corporations.

BOSTON, March 2.—A bill has been introduced into the General Assembly providing that in case the Boston and Providence and Boston and Albany Railroad Companies consolidate without first obtaining the permission of the Assembly, the charter of the former company shall be declared forfeited.

Mr. E. B. Cable, Assistant President of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, states that the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railroad will be operated independent of its connections, and without partiality or discrimination. Each of the companies which have been trying to lease it holds a sufficient stock interest in the line to enable it to protect its rights.

DAYTON, Ohio, March 2.—The Dayton and South-eastern Railroad Company are now engaged in putting up a telegraph wire the entire length of the road, which will be operated, it is understood, by the American Union.

PITTSBURG, Penn., March 2.—It is reported here that the Standard Oil Company is getting stock and proxies of the Pennsylvania Railroad in order to oust the present Board of Directors and gain control of the road. It is said the Standard has been doing the same thing in Europe.

ST. LOUIS, March 2.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad was held here this morning, and the following Directors were elected: James D. Fish, Jesse Seligman, Frederick Butterfield, Calvin Littlefield, William F. Buckley, E. C. Winslow, and E. D. Adams, of New-York; Albert W. Nickerson, Alden Speare, and Francis B. Hayes, of Boston, and James Tooker, and Ozias Bally, of St. Louis. The officers will be elected at a special meeting of the Board, soon to be held in New-York. Messrs. Nickerson and Speare, of Boston, represent the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé interest.

The Missouri Pacific stockholders also held a meeting this morning and elected the following Directors: Jay Gould, S. H. H. Clark, Russell Sage, Sidney Dillon, A. B. Buckley, Thomas T. Eckert, George J. Forrest, and F. L. Ames, of New-York; J. L. Stephens, of Boonville, Mo.; Oliver Garrison, D. R. Ferguson, and Web. M. Samuel, of St. Louis. The board has been organized by electing Jay Gould President; S. H. H. Clark, Vice-President; W. Arnold, Secretary; A. H. Calf, of New-York, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. All the old officers of the road were reappointed.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 2.—The Macon and Augusta Railroad was sold to-day, under foreclosure of the second mortgage, amounting to $370,000. It was bought by the Georgia Railroad for $50,000. The Georgia Road paid up the second mortgage bonds, on which it became interest over a year ago.

CINCINNATI, March 2.—An intimate and confidential friend and business associate of President E. D. Standiford, of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, stated in conversation at Louisville to-day, that Dr. Standiford's illness, which has been of a week's duration, is of a serious character. The gentleman remarked: "I should not be surprised to hear of Dr. Standiford's death, as he has a very sick man." President Standiford's recent railroad operations have proved a severe strain upon his mental and physical energies, and disease has attacked him at a time when his usually robust constitution is not in the best condition to bear it. He possesses, however, a vast amount of vitality, and it is hoped the anxiety of his friends has magnified his dangerous symptoms.

YANKTON, Dakota, March 2.—The surveying party of the Chicago and North-western Railway Company has just entered upon an attempt to run its line across the Sioux Reservation and up Bad River from Fort Pierre. The party tried it from Fort Bennett up the Cheyenne River, and was headed off by Indians under the leadership of *Red Shirt, who told the surveyors that the steamer* to carry on a survey would bring certain death to the party. Again, from Fort George the surveyors started a line, but White Ghost, with a following of Brule Sioux, was on the ground, and forced them to abandon the effort. The Bad River Road runs through the reservation, and the Indians have access to it from three agencies. It is doubtful whether the party will succeed in making any survey through that country. The Indians are opposed to all such movements, and have announced that they will fight for what they call their rights.

GRANT'S VISIT TO MEXICO.

A GRAND MILITARY REVIEW IN FRONT OF THE PALACE.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 1.—A grand review of the troops stationed in the capital took place to-day in honor of Gen. Grant and Gen. Sheridan, who stood in a balcony of the Ambassadors' Hall, at the palace, as they marched past. The President and other high functionaries were with the American Generals, while the other balconies were crowded with ladies, including those of the visiting party. The troops were in excellent drill, and marched well. The famous Rural Guards, over 1,000 strong, elicited particularly the admiration of the American party. There were over 6,000 troops in the column, composed of artillery, infantry, naval and national cadets. The palace-square and adjoining streets were thronged with people.

Another dispatch says: "Gen. Grant and party, attended by Commissioners appointed by the Government of the city, visited the different departments in the National Palace yesterday. A grand review took place to-day in honor of Gen. Grant. Six coaches from the Presidential residence conveyed President Diaz and Gen. Pacheco, Secretary of War; ex-President Grant, Gen. Sheridan, Sefiers Matias Romero and Ignatio Mareseal, Col. Fred. Grant, and other officers to the place of review. After the review the body of the Army marched through the principal streets, falling into a column of honor in front of the National Palace, on the balconies of which were President Diaz and Gen. Grant and others. Gen. Carrillo commanded the troops."

THE NEW LONG BRANCH LIBRARY.

LONG BRANCH, March 2.—The cornerstone of the new library here was laid this afternoon with appropriate ceremonies. The Library Association was organized by Mrs. Hugh J. Hastings a few seasons ago. At first they only occupied part of a building, but through liberal donations by Cornelius Vanderbilt, John Hoey, James Gordon Bennett, Hugh Hastings, George W. Childs, Fletcher Harper, and M. De Navarro, sufficient money was procured to purchase a site and erect a large building.

IMPROVING A HARBOR.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 2.—The system of bar and river improvement, now in progress here under the auspices of the United States Government, shows the best results. There is a steady gain in depth of water. The British bark George Davis, with a cargo of 3,856 barrels of resin, and drawing 17 feet 2 inches of water, passed over the bars without detention.

KILLED BY HIS SON.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 2.—A sad tragedy occurred at Maysville, in De Kalb County, last evening. George W. Ross, a prominent lawyer, became intoxicated, and went home and began abusing his wife. The son, 21 years old, interfered, and thinking to scare his father, drew a revolver and fired, the bullet striking the father in the heart, killing him instantly. The son says he intended to shoot into the floor, but the pistol went off before he was ready, with the above result. Ross was one of the most prominent lawyers of this region, previous to two or three years ago, but he took to drinking and went from bad to worse. He was born in Platte County, and had lived in De Kalb for 25 or 30 years. The son is almost crazy over the horrible affair. The father will be buried to-morrow.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ITALIAN OPERA SEASON.

Mr. Mapleson's company will give Donizetti's "Linda" to-night at the Academy of Music with Mlle. Valleria in the title role, Miss Cary as Pierotto, Signor Runcio as Carlo, Signor Galassi as Antonio, and Signor Monti as Il Prefetto. Mlle. Valleria's personation of the heroine of this opera will be remembered from last season as one of the best of her repertoire. Her graceful acting and her charming singing combine to make her the most attractive representative of the character that has been heard in New-York for many a day. Miss Cary's Pierotto is likewise recognized as one of her most delightful rôles. As Antonio, Signor Galassi has established his fame both as a singer and an actor. His perfect method in the use of a superb voice, and the tragic pathos he infuses throughout his part of the opera attracted attention every time he was heard last season. His Antonio is in its way quite as powerful as his Amonasro in "Aida," Germont in "Traviata," or Rigoletto, three characters in which he has never been equaled by any baritone in New-York. The season was opened so successfully on Monday that the public may look forward to a treat for the next few weeks of Italian opera.

GENERAL MENTION.

A performance for actors, to which actors alone are invited, will be the novel occurrence at the Madison Square Theatre to-morrow afternoon. No seats can be bought for this performance; those who are invited will undoubtedly suffice to fill the house.

Notwithstanding the premature closing of the Strakosch opera season, it is to be hoped that his young American prima donna, Mlle. Lablanche, (Miss Davenport) will refuse the offers which she has received from abroad, and remain in her native land. Her appearance in this city was effected under discouraging circumstances, but she has every reason to look forward to a bright future. With the ripening of her powers will come material success.

Herr Joseffy will give his first chamber-music concert to-night at Chickering Hall. The programme includes Schubert's trio in E flat, an impromptu by Reinecke, chaconne (for left hand) by Bach, an aria by Brahms, and Beethoven's "Kreutzer Sonata." The reception Herr Joseffy was accorded last Monday evening and the unabated interest he excited are a sure indication of his popularity among the lovers of piano-playing. In a chamber-music concert he cannot fail to be highly interesting.

The programme to be given at the Academy of Music to-morrow night in aid of the Irish Relief Fund has been arranged as follows: Mr. Edwin Booth and company in the third act of "Hamlet;" Mr. Ole Bull in a violin solo, singing by Miss Cary, Mlle. Valleria, Signor Campanini, Signor Galassi, and Signor Behrens; the third act of "Othello," with Mr. Booth; selections by Her Majesty's Opera Company; Mr. Booth and company in "The Taming of the Shrew," and Irish and American airs by the Ninth Regiment Drum and Fife Corps. So fine an entertainment should attract a multitude of people to the Academy.

The last representation of "The Colleen Bawn" will occur at Wallack's Theatre to-night. "The Shaughraun" will take its place to-morrow evening. On Friday and Saturday nights, and at the matinée on Saturday, both "The Shaughraun," and "Kerry" will be performed. Mr. Boucicault's acting in "Kerry," (a lovely little play, which he stole from Mme. De Girardin,) is particularly fine, graceful, and characteristic—something wholly out of the line of his Conn, his Myles, and his Shaun. Mr. Wallack's reappearance at his own theatre, after his late exile, will take place on Monday evening, when he will be seen again as Jack Wilding in "The Liar."

Several theatrical changes will be made in New-York during the coming year. A new theatre is to be built in Twenty-sixth-street, near Fifth-avenue, and it is possible that Mr. Wallack will make his future home there. The Union-Square Theatre is to be torn down, and Mr. Palmer is, therefore, looking about for another refuge. It was said that he viewed the Standard Theatre with favor, but Mr. Henderson has just renewed his lease of that house for five more years. Mr. Abbey proposes to enlarge and redecorate the Park Theatre next Summer, and to control Booth's theatre. He will confine his business to the management of three houses—one of them in Boston. Mr. Haverly's arrangements for the future have already been stated here. Other changes will also, probably, be announced in the course of the next few months.

A RAILROAD RIOT IN TOLEDO.

TOLEDO, March 2.—A railroad riot occurred here this forenoon. The Toledo, Delphos and Burlington Railroad Company, being desirous of getting into the city with their line, had succeeded in reaching a point where the Miami and Erie Canal is intersected, whence it desired to run a track along Canal-avenue. An ordinance granting *the right of way failed in Council, but in defiance of the authority, a large force of workmen* began early this morning, and before noon, had spiked down fully 400 yards. The people in the neighborhood, the door-yards of some of whom were cut off by the road, organized, and at a signal, scores of men, women and children burst from the houses, sheds, and barns, and took possession of the track. The workmen did not immediately stop, but volley after volley of mud, dirt, and rocks compelled them to fly. The crowd, swollen to many hundreds, then destroyed the road, tearing up the rails and bending them, and throwing the ties into the canal. A squad of Police was sent to the scene, but could do nothing, and the rioters retained victorious possession of the avenue. The leader of the raid was a brawny Irishwoman, and bloodshed would have resulted had the workmen continued resistance; as it was, they got off with sore heads.

EARLY PROMISE OF OHIO CROPS.

CINCINNATI, March 2.—The general agricultural and horticultural situation was never more promising in Ohio at this season of the year. The wheat in most places is excellent and the acreage is unprecedentedly large. It is only where there are depressions in the fields that the crop has an unpromising appearance, and there is yet time for these exceptions to be improved by favorable weather. It may be set down as among the strongest probabilities that there will be a large yield of wheat throughout this whole region the coming harvest. Barley and rye are also in a promising condition. Fruit looks well, and unless it meets with some disaster, not now probable, the yield will be exceptionally large. Grapes give unusual promise of a big crop. The Winter has been the mildest experienced in the Ohio Valley for 20 years.

BUFFALO'S RAILROAD INTERESTS.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 2.—A meeting of prominent business men of the city was held at the Tift House, to consider the report of the Hepburn Railroad Committee to the Legislature, and to take such action as may be necessary to forward the interests of the business men of Buffalo, in connection with the Hepburn report. After an informal discussion, it was decided to send a committee of leading citizens to see that Buffalo interests are properly cared for, as far as railroad legislation is concerned.

BLOOMFIELD MOORE'S MILLIONS.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The princely estate of Bloomfield H. Moore, the deceased millionaire paper manufacturer, of the firm of Jessup & Moore, will be shortly called for audit in the Orphans' Court. They charge themselves with $5,537,163 06, the principal of this immense fortune, and $204,331 50 as accrued income. Mr. Moore's wealth consisted principally of his interest in the Richland, Augustine and Chester County paper mills, and the large establishments for carrying on the business in Philadelphia and New-York. There is in the hands of the Executors for distribution $2,415,801 34 of the principal, and $31,042 24 of income.

The sole legatee of this large estate is Mrs. Moore (the widow), whose brother, Mr. Jessup, retired from the firm a few years ago with a similar fortune.

WHO OWNS THE STEVENS BATTERY?

There was argued yesterday, in the United States Supreme Court, at Washington, the case of the State against the Executors of Edwin A. Stevens. The Court of Chancery of New-Jersey and the Court of Errors and Appeals decided that the Stevens battery, under the will, belonged to the State of New-Jersey. An appeal from this decision was taken to the United States Supreme Court by the heirs of Robert L. Stevens. A motion was recently made in the United States Supreme Court to sell the battery, on the ground that it occupied a large plot of land which produced nothing to the estate, and that the estate had not sufficient money to pay its debts, which amounted to about $2,000,000. The Hon. Leon Abbett, of this City, appeared for the executors, and ex-Governor Parker for the State of New-Jersey.

GENERAL TELEGRAPH NEWS

LYNCHED FOR AN OUTRAGE.

A ONE-ARMED COLORED RUFFIAN HANGED BY A MOB.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 2.—A one-armed negro named Louis Kinder committed an outrageous assault, on Saturday, upon a white woman named Byrd, residing near George's Station, Colleton County, about 50 miles from this city. A hunt was organized, and the villain was captured about four o'clock Tuesday morning by a mixed white and black posse. He was taken to the scene of the outrage and identified by his victim. A vote of the posse was taken, and it was decided not to lynch him, but to allow the law to take its course. Kinder was then taken to George's Station, and placed in the guard-house under a strong guard. On Monday morning he was sent to Walterboro to jail, still strongly guarded. On their way to Walterboro the guard were overpowered by an armed force, consisting, it is said, largely of the relatives of the outraged woman, and the prisoner was conveyed to a secluded spot in the woods, where he was kept until night. About 9 o'clock last night he was again confronted with the woman whom he had outraged, and again identified. He was again taken to the woods, where preparations were made to hang him. While denying this crime, he confessed to a similar outrage upon a colored woman in Newberry six years ago. He further acknowledged the killing of a colored girl near King's Tree last April, and confessed to four burglaries and innumerable thefts. At 10:30 o'clock he was hanged, and after firing a volley of pistol shots into the body, the crowd quietly dispersed.

A gentleman arrived in this city to-day from the vicinity of George's Station, on the South Carolina Railroad, the scene of last night's tragedy. He reports that Kinder showed no fear or resistance when taken from two constables yesterday by the lynchers, while on their way to Walterboro Jail. He stubbornly denied his guilt, so far as Mrs. Byrd was concerned, but confessed complicity in other outrages and robberies. He watched the preparations for his killing with stolid indifference. The rope, attached to a strong limb, gave him a drop of about three feet from the buggy on which he was placed, and he seemingly died without a struggle. The body was cut down this morning by colored men living near by, and turned over to the Coroner, who was holding an inquest when the gentleman went away. Kinder's reputation was exceedingly bad, and the action of lynchers, though in violation of the law, is generally approved by white and colored.

A VILLAGE NEARLY DESTROYED.

TWENTY-EIGHT BUSINESS PLACES AND NINE DWELLINGS BURNED IN BERGEN, GENESEE COUNTY, N. Y.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 2.—A loud explosion awoke the inhabitants of Bergen, Genesee County, about 2:30 A. M. yesterday, and a barn near King's warehouse, in the business part of the village, was discovered to be on fire. Before anything could be done toward extinguishing the fire, another heavy explosion occurred, and the roof of Tulley's hardware store was hurled to the ground in fragments. Almost immediately afterward a third explosion occurred in an adjoining building, and in a few minutes flames were spreading all along the street. The building in which the fire apparatus of the village was kept was one of the first on fire, and there was nothing to fight the fire with. Aid was telegraphed for to Rochester, but long before response could be made to the call the business part of Bergen was in ruins. Twenty-eight business places and nine dwellings were destroyed.

The fire was plainly the work of incendiaries, as evidences of a train of powder extending from King's barn to the buildings in which the second and third explosions occurred could be easily traced while the fire was raging. No suspicion attaches to any one, as no motive can be assigned for the diabolical plot to destroy the village. The aggregate loss is about $140,000, the buildings being principally frame, and a very small proportion of the contents being saved. The principal buildings destroyed were as follows: S. C. Tulley's hardware store, George H. Church's hardware store, G. N. Buell's grocery, H. S. Andrews's grocery, S. E. Spencer's grocery, S. K. Green's dry goods and hardware store, V. C. Caulkins's drug store, S. Morey & Son's dry goods store, S. Morey's hardware store, Miss Chalker's millinery store, A. S. Fisher's grocery store, S. Carpenter & Son's clothing store, Miss Clothier's millinery store, Morton & Brothers's clothing store, H. Mullen's boot and shoe store, D. A. Ides's harness shop, R. Hailey's boot and shoe store, J. H. Brennan's hotel, express office, telegraph office, and Post Office, F. M. Merrill's building, King's grain warehouse, Mrs. Arnold's dwelling-house, Southard & Jones's coal-yard and grain warehouse, Green & Platt's coal-yard, J. Leonard's market, Hitchcock's bakery, Raymond's carriage factory, Roswell Parish's dwelling, Wilcox's flour and feed store, Mrs. E. Hall's dwelling, John Walker's dwelling. One warehouse is the only business building left standing in the place.

TRYING THE WILL CONSPIRATORS.

A POINT GAINED BY THE PROSECUTION—TESTIMONY OF SACIA'S GO-BETWEEN.

TRENTON, March 2.—This was the fourth day of the trial of the Lewis will conspiracy case. The court-room was not as crowded as on the previous days. Dr. Parks occupied his customary seat behind his counsel, and looked paler and more careworn than usual. Sacia wore an anxious expression on his face. Mrs. Lewis did not arrive from the jail until 11:15, and on coming in at the main entrance was conducted by District Attorney Keasbey to a seat on a sofa at the end of the court-room, at the left of the Judges' bench, just behind the witness stand. On the case being taken up, District Attorney Keasbey cited several cases to show that the admission of the will was proper, and that the indictment was in proper form and legally found according to the evidence. Judge Nixon stated that the very terms of the act made the crime complete if a conspiracy was shown and some act performed in furtherance of the conspiracy. It was not necessary or the fraud to be successful and the Government to suffer loss. The Government proposed to show that, by the terms of a will of Joseph L. Lewis, the Government was to become the recipient of the residue of his estate, and that certain steps had been taken in the State courts to have the will admitted to probate. The Government had a right to show this fact, and the objection was overruled. Mr. Hoffman excepted to both the ruling and the admission of the will in evidence.

John C. Buttrew, an engraver, testified to having possession of the plate from which the marriage certificates were printed in 1854. The plate left his possession in 1862 and was altered, and he had it again in 1872. The certificates of Jane Harding could not have been printed from the plate as it was in 1862. The plate was altered by the addition of lines, the shortening of the ends of the clasped hands at the bottom, and the erasure of the words "Entered according to act of Congress" and the name of the engraver; there were six words added to the new certificate. The certificates of Brown and Fleet were impressions from the altered plate.

Henry G. Julion, one of Pinkerton's detectives, testified to meeting Mrs. Lewis, Dr. Parks, Bradford, Allinson, and Sacia, and detailed several meetings between Mrs. Lewis and Dr. Parks, and Mrs. Lewis and Sacia. At an interview between Dr. Parks and Sacia at Doan's Hotel, in Rahway, on Oct. 22, 1877, the witness heard portions of a conversation; he distinguished the words "Bradford," "proofs," "paying expenses at Jersey City," "swearing to papers." He saw Mrs. Lewis and Dr. Parks meet at No. 141 Hudson-street; they sat at the window gesticulating and examining papers; also, on Aug. 15, at the Park Hotel, New-York. The witness was employed by the Lewis Executors, and after watching Mrs. Lewis, watched Dr. Parks for over two weeks. The witness was subjected to a rigorous cross-examination by Mr. Mayo and ex-Judge Hoffman as to the shadowing process, and his method of conducting the "locating" of the persons, but counsel failed to shake his direct testimony in the least.

George Sanderson, who had been employed in ex-Attorney Gilchrist's office, in Jersey City, testified to witnessing the will and codicil of Joseph L. Lewis, and supposed Lewis to be of sound mind.

Wesley Lyon, a New-York lawyer, was called to testify to certain conversations he had with Sacia. Mr. Hoffman objected to say testimony being given by witness as to admissions made to him as counsel. There was no employment, but it was understood how much he was to be paid in case the thing was done. The court ruled the testimony to be inadmissible.

E. D. R. Gilmore, an attorney, testified to the execution of the will and codicil by Lewis, and that the will was offered for probate, and that sayeats were filed by John H. Cammers and Jesse H. Lewis. There were obstructions and delays caused by the efforts of Mrs. Lewis and her counsel in proving the marriage, and that Lewis was of unsound mind. The will could not be admitted to probate.

William O'Keefe testified that he had acted as go-between to carry letters and messages between Sacia and Caldwell. Caldwell asked him if he wanted to make money, and Sacia said there was money to be made. Sacia spoke to the witness about the enormous certificate, and said he wanted him to show it to Caldwell, so he could recognize it. Sacia said that he [the witness] was to tell Caldwell that he must swear to the certificate, as he [Sacia] had written it himself. The witness was employed to act as a messenger between Sacia and Caldwell because they did not want to be seen together. At one time Sacia said to the witness that he had got the Government all right, and they might as well bring an oyster-boat against a 75-gun man-of-war as to try and get the money. "I communicated the facts," said the witness, "to Mr. Keasbey, the District Attorney, as they occurred. I was employed by the District Attorney to bring him all the information as it took place, and I did so."

O. R. Dee, who took the testimony in the probate proceedings, was recalled and testified to taking the testimony. Bradford, Sacia, and Beaseford, he said, were examined in opposition to the will. Bradford testified to being present at Lewis's marriage; that he saw them married, sign the marriage certificate, and signed it himself as a witness. The witness testified to the substance of the testimony of the witnesses produced before him. Mrs. Lewis testified that she was married at Lewis's house, but failed or forgot to say, in her direct testimony, to whom she was married.

Ex-Judge Fullerton was recalled, and testified that the object of the extended testimony of the marriage of Lewis was to give Mrs. Lewis a standing to attack the will. It was his intention, after establishing that Mrs. Lewis was the widow of Joseph L. Lewis, to attack the will. There was an attempt to prove that Lewis was incompetent to make a will.

The case will be resumed to-morrow morning.

THE REYNOLDS CIVIL RIGHTS CASE.

JUSTICE FIELD'S DISSENTING OPINION AS TO THE SCOPE OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The following is an abstract of a part of the opinion read by Justice Field in the United States Supreme Court to-day, in the case of the Commonwealth of Virginia upon petition for mandamus to compel the restoration of the Reynolds prisoners to the State authorities. After reviewing the history of the case, and discussing the right of removal from State to Federal courts under section 641 of the Revised Statutes, Justice Field maintains that the act authorizing the removal, before trial, to the Federal courts, of a criminal prosecution, for an offense against a law of the State, is unconstitutional and void. The offense with which the prisoners in this case are charged is against the authority and laws of the State, and she alone has the right to inquire into its commission and to punish the offender. An offense within the limits of a State, except where jurisdiction has been ceded to the United States, is as much beyond the jurisdiction of the Federal courts as though it had been committed on another continent. The prosecution for such offense in no sense does not, therefore, arise under the Constitution and law of the United States, and the act of Congress, which attempts to give the Federal courts jurisdiction, of it is in Justice Field's opinion, a direct infraction of the Constitution, which defines and limits the Judicial power of the Federal Government. It is difficult to believe that the wise men who met in the convention which framed the Constitution were not contemplated the possibility of a State being required to assert its authority over offenders against its laws in other tribunals than those of its own creation, and least of all in an inferior tribunal of the new Government. Had it been supposed that such a power so dangerous to the independence of the States, and so calculated to humiliate and degrade them, lurked in any of the provisions of the Constitution, that instrument would never have been adopted. There are many difficulties in maintaining the position of the Circuit Court. If a criminal prosecution of an offender against the laws of a State can be transferred to a Federal court, what officer is to prosecute the case? Is the Attorney of the Commonwealth to follow the case from his county, or will the United States District Attorney take charge of it? Who is to summon the witnesses and provide for their fees? In whose name is judgment to be pronounced? If the accused is convicted and ordered to be sentenced, who is to enforce the sentence? If he is deemed worthy of Executive clemency who is to exercise it—the Governor of the State or the President of the United States? These and other questions which might be asked show the incongruity and absurdity of the attempted proceeding. Undoubtedly, if in the trial of a case in the State courts, a Federal question arise, the courts thereof may be reviewed by the Federal Judiciary. Provision for such revision was made in the twenty-fifth section of the Judiciary Act of 1789. But that is a little further between the Federal and State courts is secure, the rights of both Federal and State Governments are maintained, and every privilege and immunity which the accused could assert under either can be enforced. Justice Clifford concurs in Justice Field's opinion.

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WESTERN PAPER MANUFACTURERS.

CHICAGO, March 2.—The paper-makers of the North-west, representing all the principal paper manufacturers in the Western country, are unanimously agreed to make a vigorous effort to prevent legislation by Congress abolishing the tariff on articles used in paper manufacture.

REMOVING THE NUISANCE

THE CHINESE QUARTER IN SAN FRANCISCO.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The San Francisco papers of Feb. 22 bring with them a full report of the action taken by the Board of Health of that city on the previous day, declaring Chinatown a nuisance and ordering the authorities to remove it from the heart of the city. Chinatown is now located in the business part of San Francisco, on land which, it is claimed, might be very valuable if it were devoted to business purposes. It embraces 12 square blocks, through which numerous narrow alleys run in almost every direction, and is bounded by Stockton, Kearney, California, and Broadway streets.

The Board of Health, on Feb. 2, on motion of Mayor Kalloch, appointed that gentleman, with Dr. Henry S. Gibbons, Jr., and Health Officer J. L. Meares, a committee to investigate the condition of Chinatown, and to recommend to the board what measures should be taken for the preservation of the city's health. After securing the opinion of L. Murphy, the City and County Attorney, as to what legally constituted a nuisance, and the powers of the board to abate or remove nuisances, the committee made what it claims to have been a critical investigation of Chinatown, extending over a period of two weeks. On Saturday, Feb. 21, it presented its report, and it was upon this that the action of the board was taken. Following is a condensation of the report. It describes in detail many of the filthy surroundings of the Chinaman. Taken as a whole, it presents one of the most disgusting pictures of low life imaginable, and the sanitary possibilities which it portrays are alarming. According to the document, the first thing which impressed the committee upon visiting Chinatown was the unnatural crowding together of thousands of persons of both sexes in spaces which should properly accommodate but hundreds of one sex. In such a contracted territory as that included in the Chinese quarter, 30,000 people could not exist under the most favorable circumstances, if they were by nature the most cleanly of the human family—which the Chinaman are far from being—without detriment to their own health and endangering the health of the city. But, added to the evils arising from packing human beings like sardines in a box, much more baneful influences were found at work in the habitations of the Asiatics. They were literally reeking in filth and drenched in immorality.

The committee first visited an underground den in an alley running from Jackson-street, to reach which two long flights of stairs had to be descended. Near the entrance to this den are large waste-pipes, running from the water-closets and sinks of the building above, and from open wooden drains, which empty into the sewer. The mass of filth which passes through the pipes is so great that very often the sewer is choked up for hours, and the trough runs over. The filth of decomposition was everywhere patent to the senses, both of sight and smell, and amid all this stench and rottenness, in rooms 8 feet by 10 and 12 feet by 10, 12 persons eat and sleep. In the stories above ground all kinds of business are carried on, such as cooking, washing, and the manufacture of overalls and cheap shirts for the working men of San Francisco. This, the committee says, is but one specimen of many such underground dens which it visited in its trip of investigation, and is esteemed by the Chinamen as one of the aristocratic dwellings of the colony. Others are much worse, and more dangerous to the health of the Asiatics and of the city itself. In one basement, near the one described, 13 Chinamen make their home and head-quarters in a room 8 feet square. In another room, 10 feet by 12, 10 men and women were found huddled together. "We may say of these places," says the report, "that they are absolutely without proper ventilation, and it seems unaccountable how human beings can live in them for a single night. The sickening stench arising from unventilated, which is to enforce the sentence! If he is deemed worthy of Executive clemency who is to exercise it—the Governor of the State or the President of the United States? These and other questions which might be asked show the incongruity and absurdity of the attempted proceeding. Undoubtedly, if in the trial of a case in the State courts, a Federal question arise, the courts thereof may be reviewed by the Federal Judiciary. Provision for such revision was made in the twenty-fifth section of the Judiciary Act of 1789. But that is a little further between the Federal and State courts is secure, the rights of both Federal and State Governments are maintained, and every privilege and immunity which the accused could assert under either can be enforced. Justice Clifford concurs in Justice Field's opinion.

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GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:30 A. M.

U. S. 6s Reg.	91	U. S. 4½ Cp.	91
$10,000	105⅝	$2,000	b.s. 103
U. S. 6s Cp. '81	107	$2,100	b.s. 108⅝
$10,000	105⅝	U. S. 4s Cp. 1907	107
10,000	105⅝	$9,000	b.s. 108⅝
$60	b.s. 105⅝		

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—1 P. M.

$8,000 U. S. 6s, C., '81 ..... b.s. 105⅝

SALES TO S. P. M.

U. S. 6s, 1st ser.	b.	N. Y., L. E. & W.		Kansas & Texas	
$1,000	68⅞	500	45⅝	500	43⅞
5,000	69	1680	45⅝	500	43⅞
U. S. 6s, ext. int.		300	s5. 45⅝	1600	43⅞
1,000	43⅛	500	45⅝	Louisv. & Nashv.	
5,000	43⅝	1000	45⅝	100	60
5,000	43⅞	4300	45⅝	100	140
$50,000	s. 43⅞	2500	45⅝	100	141
U. S. 1, 5, 5s		2500	45⅝	Lake Erie & West.	
new reg. & coupon		Morris & Essex.		100	20⅞
5,000	b5. 91⅞	300	109⅞	Marietta 1st pf.	
5,000	91⅞	Lake Shore.		300	12
5,000	b5. 92	300	109⅞	Manhattan.	
10,000	91⅞	1100	109⅞	50	48
N. Y., L. E. & W.		4100	109	100	48⅞
new 2d consol.		900	109⅞	200	48⅞
Ind., Bloom. & Spf.		600	109⅞	Metropolitan.	
2,000	74⅞	Union Pacific.		100	113⅞
20,000	74⅞	100	97⅞	100	113⅞
R. L. & M. L. 1st gu.		200	97⅞	100	118
20,000	94	100	97⅞	Nash., C. & St. L.	
R. L. & M. 2d gu.		100	98	300	110⅞
5,000	84⅞	100	s. 98	100	110
90,000	84⅞	100	97⅞	100	117⅞
10,000	b30. 85	100	97⅞	600	117⅞
Can. So. 1st g'd.		400	98⅞	N. Y., Ont. & West.	
1,000	s3. 90⅞	400	98⅞	400	20⅞
C., C. & I. C. 1st		400	98⅞	500	20⅞
Or. Ca. cert. gu.		400	98⅞	500	20⅞
8,000	68⅞	Central of N. J.		Philad. & Reading.	
C., C. & I. C. inc.		600	38	1400	39⅞
5,000	44	600	38⅞	2300	39⅞
R. R. & K. 1st.		400	38⅞	1900	39⅞
10,000	50⅞	50	67⅞	1700	39⅞
Texas Pac. inc.		200	b5. 67⅞	500	70⅞
10,000	b5. 76	700	68	1000	70⅞
Wells-Fargo Ex.		100	67⅞	2300	70⅞
100	63.104	Michigan Central.		600	70⅞
American Express		100	91⅞	600	70⅞
100	b60.	100	91⅞	1000	70⅞
Pacific Mail.		100	91⅞	1000	70⅞
100	3⅞	North-western.		1500	71
4000	s30. 3⅞	500	92⅞	1100	71⅞
100	3⅞	200	92⅞	500	s10. 71⅞
Standard Mining.		500	92⅞	500	b30. 71⅞
150	27	800	93	1400	71⅞
Little Pittsburg.		1400	s5. 93⅞	1300	71⅞
200	13⅞	100	93⅞	1400	65
100	13⅞	Ala. & T. H.		1500	71⅞
100	13⅞	100	s5. 92	4400	71⅞
Hecla.		100	93	1800	71⅞
200	112⅞	St. Paul.		1500	71⅞
200	112⅞	900	80⅞	200	71⅞
500	112⅞	500	80⅞	500	71⅞
Central Pacific.		200	80⅞	1000	71⅞
200	93⅞	100	53	300	64⅞
200	b5. 112⅞	200	83⅞	1500	64⅞
300	112⅞	200	83⅞	1200	65⅞
200	112⅞	300	83⅞	1200	65⅞
100	112⅞	Canada Southern.		3200	65⅞
Pacific Mail.		200	65⅞	Ohio & Miss.	
1,000	54⅞	Ohio & Miss.		500	40⅞
500	54⅞	500	32	Ohio & Miss.	
200	54⅞	600	32	500	35⅞
200	54⅞	100	32⅞	1200	35⅞
400	b3. 54⅞	St. L. & K. C.		1200	35⅞
600	54⅞	300	44⅞	1200	35⅞
600	54⅞	Chi., St. P. & Min.		1200	35⅞
50	54⅞	100	56⅞	3200	35⅞
N. Y. C. & Hud.		Illinois Cent.		Ohio & Miss.	
194	121⅞	100	74	200	74
50	122	St. & Texas Cent.		C., C. & I. C.	
800	121⅞	100	81⅞	200	20⅞
100	b3. 121⅞	100	81⅞	100	20⅞
N. Y., L. E. & W. pf.		100	b60. 82	50	21
100	71⅞	100	b5. 82	Illinois Central.	
100	71⅞	Han. & St. Jo. pf.		100	102⅞
100	71⅞	500	s30. 74⅞	C., C., C. & I.	
100	b3. 71⅞	200	b5. 74⅞	100	78⅞

MINING STOCK EXCHANGE SALES—MARCH 2.

THIRD CALL—2:30 P. M.

Calaveras.		South Hite.		Gold Placer.	
100	b.e. 2.05	300	b.e. 2.25	200	b.e. .67
200	b.2	1100	b.e. 2.25	100	b.e. .59
500	b.e. b3. 2.05	100	b.e. 2.25	300	b3. .58
100	b.e. s30. 2.05	200	2.25	1000	b.e. .60
100	b.c. b10. 2.10	200	2.25	100	.60
140	b.s. b3. 2.05	500	s.e. 2.10	500	s.e. s60. .60
100	b.s. b10. 2.05	300	s.e. 2.10	1000	s.e. b10. .62
200	b.c. 2.05	1500	b.e. .20	1000	s.b10. .62
200	s.c. 2	Rappahannock.		Bodie.	
Hukill.		500	b.e. .41	25	s.e. 8.75
1000	b.e. b3. 2.03	1000	b10. .49	1	s.e. 9
100	b.e. s3. 3.06	500	s.e. b30. .43	Lacrosse.	
100	b.c. b3. 4	100	s.c. .42	1000	b.e. .46
300	b.e. 4	Granville.		1000	b30. .48
100	b.e. 4	500	b.e. .28	1000	b.e. b60. .49
500	b.e. 4	500	b.e. .32	California.	
400	b.e. 4.10	200	s.e. .33	100	b.e. 3.45
100	b.e. 4.12	South Bulwer.		Moccasin.	
100	b.e. 4.15	200	b.e. 1.55	1000	b.e. b30. 1.55
200	b.e. 4.10	Belle Isle.		500	b.e. 1.50
Great Eastern.		100	b.e. 1.10	100	b.e. b10. 1.50
100	b.e. b3. .50	Leadville.		Great Mountain.	
3500	b5. .49	500	b.e. 3.40	100	3.10
Consol. Virginia.		Climax.		Shamrock.	
100	b.e. 2.55	200	b.e. 2.55	100	1.15
100	b.e. 2.60	Eureka.		Buckeye.	
100	s.b.e. 3.50	50	b.e. 14	1000	s.e. .65

TUESDAY, March 2—P. M.

The stock speculation was very strong, on a reduced volume of business. The official announcement that the Pacific Mail Company and the Pacific railroads had effected a satisfactory settlement naturally imparted a buoyant tone to the dealings in these properties, Pacific Mail advancing 3¼, Central Pacific 2⅜ and Union Pacific 2⅛ ⅌ cent. The upward movement in the coal stocks made further progress, and large purchases of these shares were made on the strength of the advance in the prices of coal by some of the companies. The trunk line shares were quiet, except for Erie and Lake Shore, which recorded higher quotations on a very active business. The Granger and the Southwestern stocks advanced sharply, the improvement ranging from 1 to 4¼ ⅌ cent, the latter in Iron Mountain. North-west, St. Paul and Sioux City, and St. Paul and Minneapolis were also conspicuous in the advance. The telegraph shares were lower early in the day, but closed firm at a partial recovery. Among the low-priced stocks, Chesapeake and Ohio advanced 1⅜ ⅌ cent on an increased business. The general market closed firm at a slight reaction, which, however, was undoubtedly due to sales to realize profits.

The transactions aggregated 373,973 shares, including 58,576 Erie, 45,300 Reading, 35,100 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 32,450 Pacific Mail, 27,000 Lake Shore, 25,910 Western Union, 18,400 Ontario and Western, 15,200 New-Jersey Central, 14,500 Delaware and Hudson, 13,400 Ohio and Mississippi, 12,400 North-west, 11,146 Iron Mountain, 10,000 Kansas and Texas, 9,350 Wabash, 8,800 Little Pittsburg, 7,400 Union Pacific, 7,000 Sutro, 6,825 Hannibal and St. Joseph, 5,360 St. Paul, and 5,262 Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis.

North-west common rose from 92 to 93¼; St. Paul common declined from 80⅛ to 79⅞, and rose to 80⅝; Lake Shore rose from 109⅛ to 109⅞, fell off to 109⅞, and advanced to 109¾; Michigan Central ranged between 91¼ and 91⅞, closing at 91⅜; Canada Southern advanced from 64⅞ to 65½; Erie declined from 44⅞ to 44⅜, and preferred from 71 to 70¼, but the former afterward rose to 46, and the latter to 71¾; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western rose from 91⅞ to 92⅞, resoted to 91⅞, and closed at 92⅜; New-Jersey Central advanced from 86⅝ to 88⅝, resoted to 87⅝, and finally sold at 87⅞; Delaware and Hudson rose from 80½ to 83¼, and resoted to 82¼; Reading advanced from 68½ to 71⅝, and closed at 71⅜; New Central declined from 29¾ to 29, and recovered to 29⅝; Morris and Essex advanced from 108½ to 109⅞, and receded to 109⅞; Iron Mountain fell off from 61 to 60¼, rose to 64½, and closed at 64; Union Pacific advanced from 91¼ to 93⅝, and closed at 92⅞; Central Pacific advanced from 81 to 83⅝; C., C., C. and I. from 78 to 78¾; Chesapeake and Ohio common from 20¾ to 22¼; Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis from 55¼ to 56⅝; Chicago, St. Louis and New-Orleans from 43¼ to 44⅜; C., C. and I. C. fell off from 21 to 20⅛, and recovered to 20⅝; Hannibal and St. Joseph rose from 39¾ to 40⅝; the preferred declined from 73¾ to 73, and later sold up to 74⅛; Houston and Texas advanced from 30⅛ to 32; Lake Erie and Western from 30¼ to 31; Ohio Central from 24 to 25, and Ontario and Western from 29⅝ to 30⅛; the last-named closed at 30¼; Kansas and Texas fell off from 43⅛ to 42⅞, rose to 43⅞, and reacted to 43⅛; Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis advanced to 117 to 117½, fell off to 116½, and closed at 117¼; Louisville and Nashville declined from 141¼ to 140, and rallied to 141; Ohio and Mississippi declined from 34¼ to 34, and rose to 35¾; the preferred advanced from 72 to 74; St. Paul and Sioux City rose from 42½ to 44½, and preferred from 76 to 81; closing at 43¾ and 80½, respectively; Wabash declined from 43½ to 42¾, and preferred from 67½ to 67, with a subsequent advance to 44 and 68¼, respectively; St. Louis and San Francisco preferred advanced from 56½ to 57⅝, and First preferred from 76⅞ to 77¼; Western Union declined from 112⅞ to 112, and recovered to 112⅝; American District rose from 70 to 72; Atlantic and Pacific fell off from 47 to 45½, and rallied to 46; Manhattan Elevated declined from 48 to 42½, and Metropolitan from 114 to 113, while New-York rose from 122 to 122½, and 123; New-York Central declined from 132 to 131⅞, and recovered to 132; Albany and Susquehanna sold at 107⅝; Chicago and Alton at 106¾; Illinois Central fell off from 102⅝ to 101⅞, and rallied to 102¼. Among mining shares Little Pittsburg opened at 12, rose to 12⅞, declined to 11⅞, and rose to 13; Central Arizona declined from 8⅛ to 8, rose to 9, and fell off to 8¼, and closed at 8½; Standard declined from 27 to 26, and recovered to 27; Sutro sold at 3⅛ ⅌ 3½.

The Money market was without essential change, and good borrowers the offerings of capital were abundant at 4 ⅌ cent. on Government bonds, and at 5 ⅌ 6 ⅌ cent. on railway and miscellaneous collaterals. During the afternoon a few loans were reported at 1-32 of 1 ⅌ cent. per diem in addition to legal interest, but the closing transactions were at 5 ⅌ cent. Prime mercantile paper was quoted at 5 ⅌ 5½ ⅌ cent. The following were the rates of domestic exchange on New-York at the undermentioned cities to-day: Savannah, buying, 1-16, selling, 3-16 ⅌ ¼ premium; Charleston, scarce, buying 3-32 ⅌ ⅛, selling ¼; New-Orleans, commercial, 50 discount, bank, 1 premium; St. Louis, 75 ⅌ 1,000 discount; Chicago, 60c. ⅌ 80c. discount, and Boston, 40c. discount.

The foreign advices reported British Consols at London steady and unchanged. United States Government bonds were generally lower at 106⅝ for new 4s, 110¼ for 4½s and 105¾ for 5s. In American railway securities, Erie common advanced from 45⅝ to 46⅜, and do. preferred from 70 ⅌ 75 to 72 ⅌ 74; do. consolidated Seconds declined from 95 to 93, and recovered to 94; do. do. Firsts were quoted at 121; Illinois Central fell off from 104⅝ to 104, and recovered to 104½; New-Jersey Central consolidated Firsts declined ½ ⅌ cent, to 109½; Atlantic and Great Western Firsts declined from 69 to 67⅝, and closed at 68½, and do. Seconds, after declining from 31 to 30, recovered to 31. The weekly statement of the Bank of Germany shows a decrease in specie of 4,800,000 marks. At Paris, Rentes advanced to 82f. 25c.

The Sterling Exchange market was barely steady in tone on a light volume of business. The nominal asking rates were unchanged, while sales were made at $4 84 for bankers' 60-day bills, $4 86¾ ⅌ $4 87 for demand, $4 87¼ ⅌ $4 87½ for cables, and $4 82¼ ⅌ $4 82⅝ for commercial.

Government bonds were firm on a moderate business. Railroad mortgages exhibited marked strength, and under an active demand a higher range of prices was recorded. Erie consolidated Seconds rose from 91 to 92; do. funded 5s from 85½ to 87; Chesapeake and Ohio Firsts, series B, from 68 to 69; do. Currency 6s from 42½ to 44; Lehigh and Wilkesbarre consolidated assented from 98⅝ to 99; Iron Mountain First preferred incomes from 92 to 94; do. Seconds do. from 82½ to 84½; Lake Erie and Western incomes from 68¼ to 64; Texas Pacific incomes from 75½ to 76; Ohio Central Firsts from 92 to 92½; International and Great Northern Seconds incomes from 76 to 77; Indianapolis, Decatur and Springfield Seconds from 74 to 74½. State bonds were dull and steady.

The exports of domestic produce and miscellaneous goods at the port of New-York for the week ending this date, amounted to $5,293,449, making a total since Jan. 1 of $47,745,114, against $47,986,051 for the corresponding period last year, and $52,446,926 in 1878.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—MARCH 2.

Monday.	Tuesday.
United States 4s, 1907, coupon	106⅝ 106⅞
United States 4½s, 1891, coupon	108 108
United States 5s, 1881, coupon	103⅛ 103⅛
Adams Express	108⅝ 109⅝
American Express	56⅝ 56⅝
Albany and Susquehanna	107 107
Atlantic and Great Western	23 23
Atlantic and Pacific Tel.	46⅛ 45½
American District Tel.	72 72
Canada Southern	65⅛ 65⅛
Central Arizona	9 8
Chic., St. Louis and N. O.	44⅝ 44⅝
Chicago and Alton	106⅝ 106⅝
Chesapeake and Ohio	22⅛ 21⅞
Col., Chic. and I. Central	20⅞ 20⅞
Chicago and Alton	106⅝ 106⅝
Chicago, St. Paul and M.	56⅝ 55⅞
Chicago and North-west	92⅛ 92⅛
Chi. and North-west pf.	107⅛ 107⅛
Chic., M. and St. Paul	80⅞ 79⅞
C., M. and St. Paul pref.	104 103⅞
Central Pacific	83⅝ 81⅞
Del., Lack. and West.	92⅞ 91⅞
Del. and Hud. Canal	81⅝ 80⅞
Hannibal and St. Joseph	40⅝ 39⅞
Han. and St. Joseph pref.	74⅛ 73
Houston and Texas	30⅞ 30⅞
Illinois Central	102⅛ 101⅞
Ind., Bloom. and W.	37 37
Lake Shore	109⅞ 109⅞
Lake Erie and Western	31 30⅞
Lake Shore	109⅞ 109⅞
Louisville and Nashville	141 140
Little Pittsburg	12 11⅞
Manhattan	48⅞ 42½
Marietta and O. 1st pref.	13 13
Marietta and O. 2d pref.	8⅞ 8⅞
Metropolitan	113⅞ 113
Michigan Central	91⅞ 91
Missouri, Kan. and Texas	43⅞ 43⅞
Morris and Essex	109⅞ 109⅞
Maryland Coal	2 2
Mich. Cent. and N. Y.	117⅞ 116⅞
New Central Coal	29⅞ 29
New-Jersey Central	88⅞ 87⅞
New-York Central	132⅛ 131⅞
Northern Pacific pref.	55⅞ 54⅞
Northern Central	93⅞ 93
Ohio and Mississippi	35⅞ 34
Ohio and Mississippi pref.	74 74
Ontario and Western	30⅛ 29⅞
Ontario and Western	30⅛ 30⅛
Pacific Mail	54⅞ 53
Pacific Mail	54⅞ 53
Pacific Tel.	32 32
Quicksilver	20⅞ 20⅞
Quicksilver pref.	34 33
Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg	34⅞ 30
Rensselaer and Saratoga	119 119
Standard Mining	26⅞ 27
Sutro Tunnel	3⅞ 3⅛
St. Louis and San Francisco	43⅞ 43⅞
St. Louis and San Francisco pref.	76⅞ 76⅞
St. Louis and San Francisco 1st pref.	76⅞ 77⅞
St. Louis and Iron Mountain	50⅞ 51
St. Paul and Sioux City	42 43⅞
St. Paul and Sioux City pref.	79⅞ 80⅞
New-York, Ontario and Western	29⅞ 30⅞
Union Pacific	91 92⅞
Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific	42⅞ 44
Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific pref.	67⅞ 68⅞
Wells-Fargo Express	104 104
Western Union Telegraph	112⅞ 112⅞
United States Express	48 48⅞
St. Paul and Duluth	39⅞ 39⅞
St. Paul and Duluth pref.	69⅞ 69⅞

The extreme range of prices in stocks, and the number of shares sold, are as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.	No. of Shares.
American Express	56⅞	55⅞	200
Albany and Susquehanna	107⅞	107⅞	125
Alton and Terre Haute	22	22	100
Atlantic and Pacific Tel.	46⅛	45½	650
American District Tel.	72	72	200
Canada Southern	65⅞	65⅛	675
Central Arizona	9	8	800
Chic., St. Louis and N. O.	44⅞	44⅞	500
Chicago and Alton	106⅞	106⅞	100
Chesapeake and Ohio	22⅞	21⅞	1,100
Col., Chic. and I. Central	21	20⅞	1,630
Chicago and Alton	106⅞	106⅞	100
Chicago, St. Paul and M.	56⅞	55⅞	900
Chicago and North-west	92⅞	92⅞	12,300
Chi. and North-west pf.	107⅞	107⅞	100
Chic., M. and St. Paul	80⅞	79⅞	5,600
C., M. and St. Paul pref.	104	103⅞	600
Central Pacific	83⅞	81⅞	8,440
Del., Lack. and West.	92⅞	91⅞	14,100
Del. and Hud. Canal	81⅞	80⅞	14,500
Hannibal and St. Joseph	40⅞	39⅞	1,838
Han. and St. Joseph pref.	74⅞	73	5,000
Houston and Texas	30⅞	30⅞	2,200
Illinois Central	102⅞	101⅞	300
Ind., Bloom. and W.	37	37	300
Lake Shore	109⅞	108⅞	27,000
Lake Erie and Western	31	30⅞	700
Lake Shore	109⅞	109⅞	200
Louisville and Nashville	141	140	300
Little Pittsburg	12	11⅞	8,300
Manhattan	48⅞	42½	1,973
Marietta and O. 1st pref.	13	13	300
Marietta and O. 2d pref.	8⅞	8⅞	300
Metropolitan	113⅞	113	270
Michigan Central	91⅞	91	1,100
Missouri, Kan. and Texas	43⅞	43⅞	10,000
Morris and Essex	109⅞	109⅞	750
Maryland Coal	2	2	300
Mich. Cent. and N. Y.	117⅞	116⅞	5,300
New Central Coal	29⅞	29	200
New-Jersey Central	88⅞	87⅞	15,200
New-York Central	132⅞	131⅞	8,400
Northern Pacific pref.	55⅞	54⅞	1,600
Northern Central	93⅞	93	100
Ohio and Mississippi	35⅞	34	13,200
Ohio and Mississippi pref.	74	74	200
Ontario and Western	30⅛	29⅞	18,400
Ontario and Western	30⅛	30⅛	100
Pacific Mail	54⅞	53	32,450
Pacific Tel.	32	32	100
Ohio Central	25	24⅞	100
Quicksilver	20⅞	20⅞	48,100
Quicksilver pref.	34	33	100
N. Wat. & Ogdensburg	34⅞	30	200
Standard Mining	27	26	300
Sutro Tunnel	3⅞	3⅛	7,000
St. L. and San F. pref.	77⅞	77	200
St. L. and San F. 1st pref.	77⅞	77⅞	500
St. Louis and Iron Mt.	51	50⅞	11,146
St. P. and S. City	44⅞	43⅞	900
St. P. and S. City pref.	81	79	400
Union Pacific	93⅞	91⅞	7,400
St. L. and Chicago	44	43⅞	3,500
W. St. L. and Pacific west	68⅞	67⅞	6,950
Wells-Fargo Express	104	104	100
Western Union	112⅞	112	25,010
Rensselaer and Saratoga	119	119	100
Total sales			*875,073

* 87 shares.

The following were the closing quotations of Government bonds.

	Bid.	Asked.
United States 6s, 1880, registered	103⅛	104⅛
United States 6s, 1881, registered	105⅝	106
United States 6s, 1881, coupon	105⅝	106
United States 5s, 1881, registered	101⅝	102⅝
United States 5s, 1881, coupon	103⅝	104⅝
United States 4½s, 1891, registered	108	108⅛
United States 4½s, 1891, coupon	108	108⅛
United States 4s, 1907, registered	105⅝	106
United States 4s, 1907, coupon	106⅝	107
United States currency 6s, 1895, registered	128	----
United States currency 6s, 1896, registered	128	----
United States currency 6s, 1897, registered	128	----
United States currency 6s, 1898, registered	128	----
United States currency 6s, 1899, registered	128	130

The following were the bids for the various State securities:

Ala., class A, 2 to 5	62	N. Y. 6s, g. l. '92	117
Ala., class C, 2 to 5	70	N. Y. 6s, g. l. '93	118
Ark. 6s, L. R. & F. R.	5	N. C. 6s, old	30
Ark. 7s, L. R. & F. R.	5	N. C. 6s, new	30
Ark. 7s, L. P. & A. R.	5	N. C. 6s, C. & S. 1-2-3-4-5	10
Ark. 7s, M. O. & R. R.	5⅞	N. C. N. C. R. 7s, a. and 2	90
Ark. 7s, Ark. C. R.	5⅞	N. C. N. C. R., A. C. L.	110
Conn. 6s, '83-4	108	N. C. N. C. R. 7s, 1st m.	90
Ga. 7s, old	103⅛	N. C. C. & A. 6s, 1900	10⅞
Ga. 7s, new	103⅛	N. C. & T. 6s, '92-3	10⅞
Ill. 6s	100	N. C. 6s, 1886	10⅞
La. 6s, '86	47⅞	N. C. 6s, A. & M. 1-2	10⅞
La. 7s, con.	44	N. C. 6s, A. & O.	10⅞
Mich. 7s, '82	108	Ohio 6s, '86	100
Mich. 7s, '90	118	R. I. 6s	114
Mo. 6s, due '82 or '83	102	S. C. 6s, A. M. 23, '66, gs.	8⅞
Mo. 6s, due '86	107	Tenn. 6s, o. '90-2-8	36⅞
Mo. 6s, due '87	108	Tenn. 6s, '92-8-1900	37⅞
Mo. 6s, due '89	108	Tenn. 6s, n., n. s., '14	37⅞
Mo. 6s, due '89 or '90	110	Va. 6s, old	30
Mo. 6s, due '94-5	111	Va. 6s, n. '66	30
Mo. 6s, A. & S. due '86	106	Va. 6s, n. '67	30
Mo. 6s, A. & S. due '88	108	Va. 6s, n. '68	30
N. Y. 6s, g. s. '87	107	Va. 6s, n. 2d s.	30
N. Y. 6s, g. s. '91	108	Va. 6s, n. 3d s.	30
N. Y. 6s, g. s. '83	106	Dis. Col. 3-65s, '24	84½
N. Y. 6s, g. l. '81	117		

And the following for railway mortgages:

B., H. & E. 1st 7s	85	L. & N. cons. 7s	119
B., H. & E. 1st gtd	45	L. & N. 2d 7s g	105
B., C. & A. N. 1st 5s	86½	L. & N., C. br. 7s	106⅛
C., B. & Q. S. & S. 1st	98⅞	M. & C. D. L. 1st 7s	90
C., B. & Q. con. int.	43⅞	L., P. & M. 1st 6s	97⅞
C., A. & I. 1st 7s	103	M. & O. 1st 7s	109
C., A. & I. int. 1st '83	106	Mac. Elev. 1st 6s	102
C., A. & I. 2d 7s	107⅞	Mich. C. gs. 7s	120
La. & Mo. R. 1st 7s	108	Mich. C. 1st 8s, s. f.	109
La. & Mo. R. 2d 7s	105	Mich. C. 6s	107⅛
St. L., I. & C. 1st 7s	112	Mo., K. & T. con. m.	100⅞
C., R. & Q. S. p. c. 1st	109⅛	N. Y. & M. 1st 7s	103⅞
C., R. & Q. 7s	120	M. & O. 6s	101⅛
C., R. I. & P. 6s	114⅞	N. C. & St. L. 1st 7s	114⅞
C., R. I. & P. 7s	125	N. C. & St. L. 7s	90
C., R. I. & P. 8s	130	N. C. C. 6s	105
C., R. I. & P. 1st 6s	94⅞	N. Y. C. & H. R. 1st 4s	105
C., R. I. & P. 2d 6s	107⅞	N. Y. C. & H. R. 1st 7s	136
C., R. I. & P. 1st 7s	112	N. Y. C. & H. R. 1st 6s	130
C., R. I. & P. 2d 7s	107⅞	N. Y. C. & H. R. 1st 4s	105
C., R. I. & P. 1st 8s	118	N. Y. C. & H. R. 7s	114⅞
C., R. I. & P. 2d 8s	112	N. Y. C. & H. R. 1st 7s	136
C., R. I. & P. 1st 7s, s. f.	112	N. Y. C. & H. R. 1st 6s	130
C., R. I. & P. 2d 7s, s. f.	112	N. Y. C. & H. R. 1st 4s	105
C., R. I. & P. 1st 7s, s. f.	112	N. Y. C. & H. R. 7s	114⅞
C., R. I. & P. 2d 7s, s. f.	112	N. Y. C. & H. R. 1st 7s	136
C., R. I. & P. 1st 8s, s. f.	118	N. Y. C. & H. R. 1st 6s	130
C., R. I. & P. 2d 8

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CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, March 13, 7 A. M.
CITY OF CHESTER.....Saturday, March 20, 12:30 P. M.
CITY OF WASHINGTON.....Thursday, March 25, 3 P. M.
CITY OF BERLIN.....Saturday, April 3, 12:30 P. M.

From Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Charlton-st.

Cabin, $80, $85, and $100. Return tickets on favorable terms. STEERAGE, $26. Drafts at lowest rates. Saloon, state-rooms, smoking and bath rooms amidships. These steamers do not carry cattle, sheep, or pigs.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
Nos. 31 and 33 Broadway, New-York.
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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.

STEAM-SHIP LINE BETWEEN NEW-YORK, SOUTHAMPTON AND BREMEN.

DONAU.....Sat., March 13 | NECKAR.....Sat., March 20
RHEIN.....Sat., March 13 | ODER.....Sat., March 27

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK TO SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE, OR BREMEN.

First Cabin.....$100
Second Cabin.....60
Steerage.....30

Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid through certificates, $26. STEERAGE TICKETS TO ALL POINTS IN THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND, $30.

OELRICHS & CO., No. 2 Bowling Green.

STATE LINE.

TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, DUBLIN, BELFAST AND LONDONDERRY.

From pier foot of Canal-st., N. R., as follows:
STATE OF NEVADA, Thurs., March 4, 12 M.
Steamer STATE OF ALABAMA, Thur., March 11, 7 A. M.
First cabin, $60 to $75, according to accommodation; excursion tickets, $110 to $130; second cabin, $40; common tickets, $25. Steerage, $26.

For freight and passage apply to

AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO., Gen'l Agents,
No. 72 Broadway, New-York.

GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY

Between New-York and Havre.

Company's Pier, (new) No. 42 North River, foot of Morton-st.

Travelers by this line avoid both transit by English railway and the discomforts of crossing the Channel in a small boat.

LABRADOR, Sampeins.....Wednesday, March 3, 10 A. M.
AMERIQUE, E. Joncla.....Wednesday, March 17, 9 A. M.
FRANCE,Turquetil.....Wednesday, March 31, 9 A. M.

Checks drawn on Credit Lyonais of Paris in amounts to suit.

For freight and passage apply to

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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL.

Hamburg American Packet Company's Line for HAMBURG, SOUTHAMPTON, AND HAMBURG.

LESSING, Thurs., March 4 | GUEVIA, Thurs., March 18
SILESIA, Thurs., March 11 | WIELAND, Thurs., March 25

Rates of passage to Plymouth, London, Cherbourg, Hamburg and all points in the South of England: First Cabin, $100; Second Cabin, $60; Steerage, $30.

KUNHARDT & CO., C. B. RICHARD & CO.,
General Agents, General Passenger Agents,
No. 61 Broad-st., N. Y. No. 61 Broadway, N. Y.

ANCHOR LINE U. S. MAIL STEAMERS.

NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.

From Pier No. 20 North River, New-York.

Ethiopia, March 6, 1 P. M. | Servia, March 24, noon
Circassia, March 13, A. M. | Bolivia, March 27, 6 A. M.

Cabins, $60 to $80. Excursion tickets at reduced rates. Second Cabin, $40. Steerage, $28.

NEW-YORK TO LONDON DIRECT.

From Pier No. 46 North River, foot of Charles-st.

California, March 4, 11 A. M. | Australia, March 6, 1 P. M.

Cabins, $65 and $85. Excursion tickets at reduced rates.

HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents, 7 Bowling Green.

ROTTERDAM LINE.

Steamers leave Co's pier, adj. Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City:

NETHERLAND, Wednesday, March 17
WM. A. SCHOLTEN.....Wednesday, March 24
SCHIEDAM.....Wednesday, March 31

1st Cabin, $65-$70. 2d Cabin, $45-$50. Steerage, $26. $100 (gold) INTERMEDIATE, $40; STEERAGE AT LOW RATES. OFFICES, NO. 29 BROADWAY.

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NATIONAL LINE.—FROM NEW-PIER, 39 N. R.

FOR LONDON, (Victoria Docks:)

Holland, March 3. 10 A. M. | Italy, W. March 10, 3 P. M.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.

Erin, Wed., Mar. 3, 10 A. M. | Celtic, Mar. 17, 1:30 P. M.
Cabin, $50 to $70, currency. Prepaid steerage tickets, $26, being $2 lower than most lines. Company's offices, 69 and 73 Broadway. F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

SAVANNAH AND FLORIDA.

From Pier No. 43 North River, (new No. 35,) foot of Spring-st.

At 3 P. M. Wednesday and Saturday,

GATE CITY, Capt. Dadger.....Wednesday, March 3
CITY OF MACON, Capt. Engelke.....Saturday, March 6

Connecting with the Central Railroad of Georgia, Savannah, Florida and Western Railway, and the new and elegant steamer FLORIDA, just built for this company, and designed expressly to run via the INSIDE ROUTE to Jacksonville and all points on the St. John's River.

H. D. OWENS, Ocean S. S. Co., and
Genl. Agt. E. T. & W. R. R., Central R. R. of Ga.
416 Broadway. 409 Broadway.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY

Pier foot of Canal-st., North River.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO, VIA ISTHMUS OF PANAMA:

From ship ACAPULCO.....Wednesday, March 10, noon
Connecting for Central and South America and Mexico.

From ship ALAMEDA, for SAN FRANCISCO to JAPAN and CHINA.....Saturday, March 20, noon.

From ship CITY OF TOKIO, Saturday, March 20, noon.

From SAN FRANCISCO to HONOLULU, NEW-ZEALAND and AUSTRALIA:

From ship CITY OF SYDNEY, Monday, Mar. 15, noon

For freights or general information apply at company's office on the pier, foot of Canal-st., North River.

Tickets for passage forwarded to SAN FRANCISCO, SANDWICH ISLANDS, JAPAN, CHINA, NEW-ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, and MEXICAN PORTS.

For tickets or for information in regard to routes apply to the Passenger Department, No. 207 BROADWAY.

G. T. SEWALL, H. J. BULLAY,
General Passenger Agent. Superintendent.

N. Y., HAVANA, AND MEXICAN MAIL S. S. LINE

Steamers leave Pier No. 9 North River at 3 P. M.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT,

AND VERA CRUZ VIA HAVANA.

Calling at PROGRESO, CAMPECHE, and FRONTERA.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, (Havana or Mexico.) Sat., March 6
CITY OF WASHINGTON, (Havana only) Thu., Mch. 11.
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, (Havana & Mexico.) S., Mch. 20

These steamers are furnished with swinging berths in state-rooms, small table in dining-room, and meals are served à la carte, without extra charge.

Steamship City of Mexico will leave N. Orleans March 8 and 29 for Vera Cruz via Bagdad, Tampico, and Tuxpan. Apply for freight or passage at office, 317 Pearl-st., New-York.

F. ALEXANDER & SONS, Nos. 81 and 83 Broadway.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These finished steamships sail regularly at 3 P. M. from Pier No. 9 North River, as follows:

CITY OF VERA CRUZ, Capt. Van Sam.....Wed., March 3
SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Capt. Flynn.....Sat., March 13

Passage, $60 and upwards. Steerage, $25. For freight apply to WILLIAM P. CLYDE & CO., No. 35 Broadway. LAWTON BROS., Agents in Havana.

CHARLESTON LINE.

FROM PIER NO. 27 NORTH RIVER at 3 P. M.

Steamer NORTH CASTLE.....WEDNESDAY, March 3
Steamer CHARLESTON.....SATURDAY, March 6

FLORIDA, THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST

JAMES W. CLEVELAND & CO., Agents, office on the pier, or R. R. RASELL, Gen'l Agent, No. 317 Broadway.

NEW-YORK AND CUBA MAIL S. S. LINE

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

FROM PIER NO. 16 EAST RIVER, AT 3 P. M.

Magnificent accommodations for passengers.

R. R. MAGINA.....Saturday, March 6
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RAILROADS.

THE ERIE RAILWAY,

New-Jersey to

THE NEW-YORK, LAKE ERIE AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

Arrangement of Through Trains from Chambers-street Depot. (For Hoboken, see note below.)

7 A. M. daily, except Sundays, Cincinnati and Chicago Express, with Parlor and Sleeping Coaches to Buffalo.

7 P. M. daily, Fast St. Louis Express, arriving at Buffalo 3 A. M., connecting with fast trains to the West and Northwest. Sleeping and Dining Cars from Jersey City.

7 P. M. daily, Pacific Express to the West. Sleeping cars through to Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cincinnati, and Chicago without change. Hotel dining coaches to Buffalo.

7 P. M. except Sundays, Western Express Train.

After Sunday, Feb. 15, the Fort-street Ferry at 5:45 A. M. and 2:45 P. M.

For long routes use comfortable and cozy cars in hotels and depots. ASA ROBERTS, General Passenger Agent.

RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

GREAT TRUNK LINE,

AND UNITED STATES MAIL ROUTE.

Trains leave New-York via Desbrosses and Cortlandt Ferries as follows:

On and after Jan. 19, 1880.

Express trains leave New-York via Desbrosses and Cortlandt Streets Ferries as follows:

4:30, 7:30, 9:30, 9, (10 limited,) 11 A. M., 1, 3:30, 4, 4:40, 5, 6, 7:30, 9:30, and 10 P. M., and 12 night.

Sundays, 4:30 and 9 A. M., 3, 4, 7:30, 9:30, and 10 P. M., and 12 night.

Express train leaves New-York daily, except Sunday, at 7:30 A. M. and 4 P. M., running through via Trenton and Camden.

Boats of "Brooklyn Annex" connect with all through trains at Jersey City, affording a speedy and direct transfer for Brooklyn travel.

Returning trains leave West Philadelphia 12:01, 3:20, 5:45, 7, 7:35, 8, 8:50, and 11 A. M., (Limited Express, 1:30 P. M.) 1:45, 3, 4, 5:30, 8, and 7:35 P. M. On Sunday, 12:01, 3:20, 5:45, 8, 8:50 A. M., 4, 7:35 P. M.

Leave Philadelphia via Camden, 9 A. M. and 3:50 P. M. daily, except Sunday.

Ticket offices, Nos. 526 and 944 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts.; No. 4 Court-st. and Brooklyn Annex Depot, foot of Fulton-st., Brooklyn; Nos. 114, 116, and 118 Hudson-st., Hoboken; Depot, Jersey City; Emigrant Ticket Office, No. 9 Battery place. The New-York Transfer Co. will call for and check baggage from hotels and residences.

FRANK THOMSON, J. P. PARKER,
General Manager. General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—Commencing Dec. 8, 1879, through trains will leave Grand Central Depot:

8 A. M., Western and Northern Express, to Rochester, St. Albans, and Montreal, via Saratoga, with drawing-room cars.

10:30 A. M., Chicago and Western Express, drawing-room cars to Canandaigua, Rochester, and Buffalo.

11:05 A. M., Express to Albany and Troy, with connections to Utica, Saratoga, Glen's Falls, and Rutland.

4 P. M., Albany and Troy Express.

6 P. M., St. Louis Express, daily, with sleeping cars for St. Louis, running through every day in the week; also, sleeping cars for Buffalo, Toledo, and Detroit, and for Rochester, running Sunday night, via Saratoga.

7 P. M., Fast Express for Montreal, Rochester, and Corning, via Geneva. Sleeping cars to Geneva, Rochester, and Montreal, via St. Albans.

8:30 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars to Syracuse, Rochester, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit, and Chicago.

11 P. M., Night Express, with sleeping cars to Albany and Troy.

Tickets on sale at Nos. 252 and 413 Broadway, and at Westcott's Express offices, 3 Park-place, and 785 and 942 Broadway, New-York, and 333 Washington-st., Brooklyn. C. E. MERIER,
General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK, NEW-HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.—Trains leave Forty-second Street Depot for Boston at 5, 8:05, 9:30, 11 A. M., and 1, 3, 4, 10, 11:35 P. M. For Boston and Albany R. R.—5, 8:05, 11 A. M., 3, 4 P. M. For Connecticut River R.—8:05 A. M., 3, 4 P. M. For New-York and New-England R. R.—8:05 A. M., 11:35 P. M. For Newport—8:05 A. M., 1 P. M. For Shore Line Division—5, 8:05 A. M., 1, 3, 4:15, 10 P. M. For Boston and New-York Air Line R. R.—8:05 A. M., 3 P. M. For New-Haven and Northampton R. R.—8:05 A. M., 3 P. M. For Naugatuck R. R.—8:05 A. M., 1, 3, 4:40 P. M. For Housatonic R. R.—8:05 A. M., 3 P. M. For Danbury and Norwalk R. R.—8:05 A. M., 3, 4:40, 5 P. M. For New-Canaan R. R.—8:05 A. M., 1, 4:40 P. M. For local trains see time-tables.

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

ARRANGEMENT PASSENGER TRAINS, MARCH 30, 1879.

Leave depot, foot of Cortlandt and Desbrosses sts., at 1 P. M., for Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Reading, Mauch Chunk, Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Ashland, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, and Tunkhannock; 5:30 P. M., Night express, daily, for Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Binghamton, Ithaca, Geneva, Canandaigua, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the West. Pullman sleeping-coaches attached. Central Eastern Office, corner Church and Cortlandt sts.

CHARLES H. CUMMINGS, Agent.
ROBERT H. SAYRE, Superintendent and Engineer.

WICKFORD ROUTE TO NEWPORT, R. I.—Leave Grand Central Depot, via New-Haven Railroad at 8:05 and 1 P. M. daily, except Sundays; due at Newport at 4:15 and 9 P. M. Drawing-room cars on 1 P. M. train. THOS. WARREN, Superintendent.

WATCHES, JEWELRY, &C.

NO. 1,207 BROADWAY, OPPOSITE GILSEY HOUSE.—Ladies' private office. Diamonds, watches, jewelry, &c., bought and sold. LINDO BROS.

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Stock and Bond Broker,
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Boston, Hartford, and Erie Railroad Stock.
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Kansas State, City, and County Bonds.
Leavenworth City (Kan.) Defaulted Bonds.
Missouri State, City, and County Bonds.
Missouri Pacific Railroad, (old stock.)
Mexican Bonds, (Corliss & Woodhouse.)
New-York State, City, Town, and County Bonds.
Rochester and Sodus Line Railroad Firsts.
Selma, Rome, and Dalton Railroad Securities.
Texas State, City, Town, and County Bonds.
Troy and Boston Railroad Convertible Bonds.

FOR SALE—

Accessory Transit Stock of Nicaragua.
Central American Transit Stock of Nicaragua.
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Consolidated 6 per cent Town Bonds of Westfield, Northfield, and Scotsfield, Richland County, N. Y.
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7 Per Cent. Funded Debt Bonds,

DUE IN 1893.

FOR SALE BY

DANIEL A. MORAN,

27 PINE-STREET, NEW-YORK.

TO THE CONNECTICUT WESTERN RAILROAD BONDHOLDERS.—The undersigned bondholders of the Connecticut Western Railroad Company, desiring that all bondholders should understand the fact that the bonds have advanced, within six months, from under 30 to 40 cents on the dollar, and were steadily advancing when the late auth was brought, looking to the foreclosing of the road. The rights of said bondholders will be fully protected without joining, or in any way sharing in the expense of the present suit.

ALEX'R H. HOLLEY, ex-Governor,
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CENTRAL CONSTRUCTION CO.'S STOCK

of the

AMERICAN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
MISSOURI, KANSAS, AND TEXAS COUNTY BONDS,
ILLINOIS AND ST. LOUIS BRIDGE STOCK AND BONDS
and
ST. LOUIS LOCAL SECURITIES.

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WEST SHORE & HUDSON RIVER R. R. CO.—Holders of Bonds of this company, or part due Coupons of the numbers under 761, will hear something to their advantage by calling at No. 52 Broadway, Rooms Nos. 54 and 55.

CHARLES L. FROST,
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UNDER AN ORDER OF HONORABLE William G. Choate, Judge, George R. Grinnell & Co., creditors of Cornelius K. Bushnell, bankrupt, will sell at public auction, through E. H. Ganz, Auctioneer, on the 15th day of March, 1880, at 12:30 P. M., at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, New-York City, 81 bonds of the Mississippi, Ouachita and Red River Railroad Company, for $1,000 each.

CALIFORNIA AND CONSOLIDATED VIRGINIA.—An informal meeting of shareholders in these companies will be held at No. 52 Broadway, Room No. 54, on THURSDAY afternoon, March 11, at 3 o'clock, to take into consideration measures which may be suggested for the protection of their interests.

NEW-YORK, ONTARIO AND WESTERN STOCKHOLDERS

SHOULD READ

McDOWELL'S FINANCIAL REPORT TO DAY.

ALL STOCKHOLDERS OF GERMANIA Land Highgate Petroleum Company call or write to JOHN PORDIS, No. 19 Broad-st., stockholders bring stock.

$18,000 TO LOAN AT 5 PER CENT, on first-class City property.
E. R. LUBLOW & CO.,
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FINANCIAL.

MEXICAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

CAPITAL,

$1,000,000.

JAMES A. SCRYMSER, President,
THEODORE J. De SABLA, Vice-President.
Senor Don RAMON G. GUZMAN, Resident Vice-President for Mexico.

DIRECTORS.

JONATHAN EDWARDS, Esq., President of the Equitable Trust Company.
WILLIAM B. HOFFMAN, Esq., New-York.
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JAMES A. SCRYMSER, Esq., New-York.

BANKERS.

Messrs. DREXEL, MORGAN & CO.

This Company has been organized under the laws of the State of New-York, for the purpose of establishing telegraphic communication with

MEXICO, SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

MEXICO is so situated geographically as to be the natural channel through which all telegrams between North and Central America must conveniently pass, thus practically controlling the growing traffic of the Pacific Coasts, from CHILI to CALIFORNIA on the WEST, and the GULF OF MEXICO on the EAST.

The cost of the present undertaking will be under $600,000. It will consist of about 500 miles of Submarine Cable, (with no land lines,) which will begin on the Southern Coast of Texas, and be continued to the Cities of Tampico and Vera Cruz, Mexico, connecting there with the Mexican Government lines built over the railway to the City of Mexico, from which point 7,300 miles of wire extend to all the important cities of that Republic.

Arrangements have been made for acquiring a concession, granted by the Mexican Government, by which the control of all foreign telegrams to and from places in Mexico, south of a line 156 miles south of the boundary line of the United States, is secured exclusively for the term of fifty years, and the right of establishing and working telegraph cables between the United States, Central and South America, via Mexico, is secured for fifty years, during which time the Government of Mexico will have the right to purchase the entire property.

The control of an advantageous contract with the Western Union Telegraph Company and its connections can be secured without cost to the company, which is for the term of twenty-five years the exclusive exchange of all telegrams to and from points reached by this proposed cable.

The early completion of the railway now building across the Isthmus of Tehuantenec and the projected ship canals of Panama and Nicaragua will open direct trade via the Gulf of Mexico between the interior cities of the United States and Central and South America, China, Japan, India, and Australia, creating an immense telegraphic traffic between the Isthmus of Central America and all parts of the world, which will be of great value to this telegraph system, protected as it is by exclusive rights for fifty years.

No estimate of Mexican telegraphing can be made from the returns of existing lines, owing to the fact that the wires between the Texas frontier and the City of Mexico pass through a mountainous and unsettled country, which is inaccessible in large tracts of land.

For several years the telegraph takings for the Island of Cuba have averaged about $600,000 annually. Cuba has a population of 1,500,000, and a commerce variously estimated to be from $100,000,000 to $125,000,000 annually. Mexico has a population of 9,500,000, and an annual commerce estimated to be from $75,000,000 to $100,000,000.

If Cuba's telegraphing amounts to $600,000 annually, that of Mexico, which is more direct, when fully developed, cannot be less than $225,000 a year.

This estimate, of $225,000, is for the local telegraphing certain to be developed between the frontier, coast, and interior Cities of Mexico, and exclusive of any accession of traffic from the extension of telegraphic communication with the Central and South American States, would give the following results:

Revenue from Messages according to above estimate.....$225,000
Annual working expenses, three Cable Stations and New-York office.....$45,000
Reserve and Repair Fund.....30,000 75,000
Net annual income.....$150,000

Being at the rate of 15 per cent on a capital of $1,000,000.

Negotiations are in progress for the extension of telegraphic communication with Guatemala, San Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, United States of Colombia, Ecuador, connecting eventually with the lines of this Company and the established lines from Payta, Peru, to Chili and Brazil, on terms very beneficial to this Company. These extensions will bring a large accession of traffic over its cables, which will largely control the telegraphing of an aggregate population of over 24,000,000, and an annual commerce of $[illegible], 100,000, which is rapidly increasing.

The receipts from the carriage of messages in connection with this extension will, it is estimated, largely increase the amount above estimated as derivable from Mexico.

All telegrams between North America, and Brazil, Chili, and Peru go and return via New-York, London, Portugal, and Buenos Ayres, at the following rates, which are practically prohibitory:

Between	Distances from the United States, via Cuba and Jamaica.	Distances from the United States, via Mexico.
N. Y. and B. Ventura, U. S. of Colombia.....Each word,	$7 85	10,387	2,013
N. Y. and Payta, Peru.....Each word,	7 75	9,621	2,370
N. Y. and Chilno.....Each word,	7 15	8,200	3,087
N. Y. and Valparaiso, Chili.....Each word,	7 10	7,700	3,587
N. Y. and Monte Video.....Each word,	4 60	6,810	5,910
N. Y. and Rio Janeiro.....Each word,	4 10	6,550	7,100

The extension of this more direct line via Mexico and the South Pacific Ranges a large through and local traffic, which, under the present circumstances, now unnecessarily diverted from the Atlantic Cables and the Western Union lines, will be secured at rates lower than by any other route.

To secure the completion of the cable to Vera Cruz, via Tampico, offers from English Cable makers insure the work being laid, and in working order for about $600,000, within six months after receiving the order.

As the Texas portion of the cable will be the longest being about 200 miles, there is no reason to apprehend any delay or difficulty in fulfilling these offers, as the cable would be laid parallel with the coast in about 100 fathoms of water, and in a tolerably smooth bottom.

For copies of the Concession and contracts above referred to, terms of subscription, and any further information that may be required, apply to

JAMES A. SCRYMSER, President,
No. 37 New-st., New-York.

UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, No. 73 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Feb. 17, 1880.

THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS OF BONDS OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY of $1,000 each, issued under the indenture of trust to the Union Trust Company of New-York as Trustee dated July 1, 1878, have been drawn for redemption by the Sinking Fund on and after May 1, 1880, until and including July 31, 1880, on presentation at the office of the Union Trust Company of New-York, viz:

COUPON BONDS.

5, 26, 51, 94, 128, 196, 244, 344, 447, 467, 557, 575, 602, 702, 1,417, 1,426, 1,501, 1,545, 1,565, 1,706, 1,787, 1,916, 2,028, 2,070, 2,100, 2,313, 2,400, 2,518.

REGISTERED BONDS.

133, 205, 426, 579, 805, 1,338, 1,507, 1,527, 1,573, 1,601, 1,903.

Interest on bonds presented for payment ceases May 1, 1880. Bonds not presented prior to May 1, 1880, will not entitled to payment under this drawing, but will continue to bear interest and be subject to be drawn in any future drawing. JAMES H. OGILVIE,
71,11aw4w W. Vice-President.

SINKING FUND NOTICE.

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY CO., 70, 68 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 14, 1880.

Notice is hereby given that the following bonds of the company of $1,000 each, known as Consolidated Sinking Fund Bonds, have been designated by lot to be paid at par on and after March 1, 1880, on presentation at this office, according to the provisions of the deed of trust securing the same. The numbers are as follows:

115	1695	3262	4157	5145	6255	6917	
154	1696	3267	4158	5147	6256	6918	
858	1706	3877	4261	5406	7162	6928	
862	1716	3977	4343	5448	7238	6931	
870	1767	4001	4728	6460	7261	6961	
1147	2043	4197	4775	6624	7262	6966	
1270	2145	4375	5339	6740	7305	6478	
1367	2837	4412	5342	6824	7763	8825	
1411	2875	4461	5346	6906	7812	8850	
1531	2890	4930	5346	7066	7819	----	
1551	2742	5102	5000	7362	7904	----	
1646	3227	5138	5127	7491	8004	----	

Interest on these bonds ceases on the 1st day of July, 1880. JULIUS WADSWORTH,
Vice-President.

TO INVESTORS.

A Large Proportion of the Utah and Pleasant Valley Railway Company's First Mortgage 7 per cent Gold Bonds having been disposed of, the price is now advanced to 90 and interest. We can, from personal knowledge, fully recommend these bonds to investors. SHELDON & WADSWORTH,
President Bowery National Bank.

SHELDON & WADSWORTH,
NO. 10 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK.

WOOD & DAVIS,
BANKERS AND BROKERS,
NO. 31 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK.

Government bonds, municipal and railroad securities bought and sold on commission.

A limited amount of
Atchison, Colorado and Pacific Railroad Co.,
First mortgage 6 per cent bonds, guaranteed, principal and interest, by Central Branch Union Pacific Railroad, and lease assumed by Union Pacific Railway Company, for sale.

O. D. WOOD. SAMUEL D. DAVIS.

NEW-JERSEY MIDLAND RAILROAD.

Holders of first and second mortgage bonds of the New-Jersey Midland Railway Company can deposit them, with past due coupons and funded interest bonds attached, in the Central Trust Company until March 22, 1880, on payment of 1 per cent per year value. After that date holders of first mortgage bonds and coupons will receive only and coupons value, and the second mortgage bonds will be cut off from their rights under the plan of reorganization.

Chairman Purchasing Committee.

New-York, Feb. 27, 1880.

INTERNATIONAL AND GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY OF TEXAS.—The stock of the International and Great Northern Railroad Company is now ready for delivery to persons holding the Purchasing Committee's stock receipts. The exchange will be made at the office of C. B. Kennedy, No. 52 William-st., New-York. By order of the Purchasing Committee. JOHN A. KENNEDY, Chairman.

FINANCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, New-York, Jan. 21, 1880.

THE TRUSTEES, IN CONFORMITY TO the Charter of the company, submit the following statement of its affairs on the 31st December, 1879:

Premiums received on marine risks from 1st January, 1879, to 31st December, 1879.....$3,060,066 56
Premiums on policies not marked off 1st January, 1879.....1,071,921 91
Total amount of marine premiums.....$4,071,048 45
No policies have been issued upon life risks, nor upon fire disconnected with marine risks.
Premiums marked off from 1st January, 1879, to 31st December, 1879.....$3,075,101 26
Losses paid during the same period.....$1,024,331 04
Returns of premiums.....$340,738 77
The company has the following assets, viz:
United States and State of New-York stock, City, bank, and other stocks.....$3,875,488 00
Loans secured by stocks and otherwise.....1,307,000 00
Real estate and claims due the company.....
Premium notes and bills receivable.....500,000 00
Cash in bank.....1,522,826 35
.....231,455 16
Total amount of assets.....$12,437,769 51

Six per cent interest on the outstanding certificates of profit will be paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday, the 3d of February next.

Fifty per cent of the outstanding certificates of the issue of 1876 will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday, the 3d of February next, from which date interest on the amount so redeemable will cease. The certificates to be produced at the time of payment and canceled to the extent paid.

A dividend of 40 per cent is declared on the net earnings of the company for the year ending 31st December, 1879, for which certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday, the 4th of May next.

By order of the Board. J. H. CHAPLIN,
Secretary.

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Seven Per Cent. First Mortgage

Sinking Fund Bonds of the

Denver, South Park and Pacific RR. Co.

DUE 1905.

Coupons May and November. Registration of Bonds provided.

Principal and interest payable in New-York, in United States gold coin of, or equal to, the present standard, or in London or Frankfort, at the option of the holder.

Issue limited to $12,000 per mile of completed road in actual operation.

The official returns for the six months ending Jan. 1, 1880, show net earnings of.....$462,983 58
The interest on the bonds for the same period amounted to.....45,720 00

For sale by

WINSLOW, LANIER & CO.,

26 Nassau-st.

AMERICAN MINING STOCK EXCHANGE.

To be organized under the auspices of the MINING TRUST COMPANY.

TWO HUNDRED MEMBERS WILL BE ADMITTED on the 5th day of April, 1880, upon payment of $1,000 each, and $100 in advance for dues for the first year.

THE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS desire to act as promptly and understandingly as possible upon applications, and will therefore be glad to receive by or before the 15th day of March such references as applicants may desire to offer.

THE COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE APPLICATIONS for 500 seats in said Stock Exchange, which carry with them a share in the Mining Trust Company, and which will be sold at $5,000 each.

ALL APPLICATIONS AND REFERENCES should be addressed to the "Committee on Adm

COWLEY IN PRISON GARB

FROM THE TOMBS TO THE ISLAND.

THE SHEPHERD'S JOURNEY TO THE PENITENTIARY—HOW HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE WARDEN—HE BURNINTS TO HIS FATE AND IS PLACED AT WORK IN THE SHOE-MAKERS' SHOP.

The Rev. Edward Cowley breakfasted in the City Prison yesterday for the last time. At 9 45 o'clock, Under Sheriff Stevens, accompanied by Deputy E. K. Smith, of the Order of Arrest Department, entered the prison. Mr. Stevens walked over to Cowley's cell, and, tapping on the bars, exhibited a commitment to take the prisoner to the Penitentiary. He told him he must prepare to go at once. The prisoner's jaw dropped and his face turned to a sickly pallor. Then he gave a sigh and seated himself on the edge of his bed.

"This is hard," he said, burying his face in his hands, "very hard. Does my counsel know of it?" he added, looking up sharply. The Deputy answered that he did, and Mr. Cowley in a few minutes was ready to accompany the officers. At the door the Sheriff gave the customary receipt. Mr. Cowley shook hands with Warden Finn and thanked him for his kindness, and then stepped briskly into the street. He had been very anxious to know whether he was to be taken handcuffed in the Black Maria, and was assured that he would be taken to prison alone was profuse in his thanks. At the elevated railroad station at Chatham-square Mr. Cowley asked, with some trepidation, "whether reporters were allowed on the Island." The Deputy said that they were when they had passes. Cowley shuddered, but said nothing. On the ride up he busied himself in writing two postal cards, one to his wife and another to a lady friend, which he dropped into the lock-box at Twenty-eighth-street. The voyage to Blackwell's Island was made in the department ferry-boat, the Minnahannock, the commander of which had known Cowley when he was preaching on the Island. Capt. Steele recognized the ex-Chaplain at once, and shook hands with him. There were no other passengers on the boat, and Cowley, the Captain, and the Deputy Sheriff went down into the ladies' cabin. Arrived at the Penitentiary, the party adjourned to the inner office, where the prisoner was introduced to Warden Fox, who, in earnest prayerful tones, allowed him to wait three-quarters of an hour, in expectation of a stay of proceedings. To the Warden Cowley said: "I didn't want to come here, and I feel terribly about coming. I am now taking the bull by the horns. I shall give up all hopes of getting up, and settle down to work like a man." The Warden shook his head and said: "I'm glad to hear you say that, Mr. Cowley. When a man comes here and puts on our shoes, the best thing he can do is to waite in the ruler the guidance of the Shepherd. Do your work well, and don't give your keeper an opportunity to criticise you. That's my advice to you." The Warden added that if he had a mechanical turn he might find something to do in the blacksmith shop or shoe shop. "I can do anything," said Cowley, earnestly, with the tears standing in his eyes. "I want to work as hard as I can, to kill time and keep from thinking."

At 1.30 o'clock the ex-Shepherd gave up his hopes of a stay, and resigned himself to the hands of the prison barber. The glossy brown whiskers and whiskers, which have been his pride during the 25 years of his ministry, were cut off short, and his chin shaved and trimmed till it was smooth as a Dutch cheese. His was stripped of his clothing, three inches of his brown hair ranged along the wall, and the hot water turned on till the rooms were filled with a cloud of steam. After a refreshing bath, he dressed himself, and, putting on a clean shirt and striped trousers, stepped upon the scales in his bare feet and was weighed, declaring the beam at exactly 137 pounds. Then he was canted a measuring-machine provided with a crossbar and post and marked off in inches. The cross-piece was adjusted over the Shepherd's gray hairs by a fellow-convict, who sang out to the recording clerk, "5 feet 2½ inches," which was duly entered in his prison books as a part of the following description:

"Committed Feb. 20; received March 2; Cowley, Edward; 52; 1 year; $250 fine or 250 days; 5 feet 2½ inches; 137 pounds; crime, cruelty to a child; hair gray; eyes, dark; complexion, fair; Ireland; 41 years in United States; married; educated; Protestant; minister."

After this ceremony had been gone through with, Mr. Cowley was given a striped coat of the same pattern with his trousers, a cloth cap, also striped, and rough leather shoes of the kind made in the prison in which he arrived. His clothing was packed neatly in a box, which was labeled with his name and number, and will be given to him when he goes out. Warden Fox and Deputy Warden Ambrose accompanied him to the shoe shop, a handsome three-story stone building, adjoining the Penitentiary on the east and looking out on the shaded lawns and terraces of Astoria. Mr. Cowley was introduced to the foreman of the shop, who consigned him to the care of an instructor, who in turn set him to work cutting out leather for the soles of the shoes. He was given a bench in the front row near the middle window and under the eye of the keeper. Before going, Mr. Ambrose enjoined the keeper to mark for punishment any prisoner who insulted or taunted the new-comer in any manner. After the officers had left, Mr. Cowley found some difficulty in cutting the soles, and was accordingly provided with a punch and instructed to punch holes in the leather. It was a strange sight, the bareheaded, pallid-faced man, bending down patiently and resignedly to his unaccustomed task, handling his tools with the clumsiness of a beginner, and yet working in way with a determination to do the best he could, and give his keepers as little cause of complaint as possible.

At 5.30 o'clock the men quit work and marched in lock step to dinner. Mr. Cowley came the last but four in the shoe shop division, and found great difficulty in keeping step with his fellows. At times he would almost fall out of the line, and there was always more or less space between him and the man ahead of him. He ate sparingly of the mush and molasses set before him, and seemed glad when supper was over and he could seek the seclusion of his cell. In closing the door at the word of command his "greenness" was again observable, and he was in danger of being marked for tardiness, until the convict ahead of him—a stalwart, good-natured youth stepped to his relief and showed him how to close the grating. Deputy Warden Ambrose, who personally saw the Shepherd safely into his cell for the night, says the other prisoners have treated Cowley with kindness and consideration, and manifested no disposition to exult over his fallen fortunes. This is the more noticeable from the fact that a considerable number were prisoners during Cowley's Chaplaincy in 1871, when he ordered prisoners into the dark cells for coughing during service. The cause of his dismissal at that time was his refusal to go into the small-pox hospital to administer spiritual consolation to the sick patients.

The Shepherd's cell—No. 5 on the second tier—is barely 4 feet wide, with just room enough for him to lie down on the narrow canvas cot which fills it. His imprisonment dates from March 2, (yesterday,) and not from the day of sentence, so that all he has gained by his counsel's endeavors has been a fortnight's more imprisonment. Next Sunday he will sit under the same pulpit from which he preached to the prisoners nine years ago. He is the first regularly-ordained white clergyman that ever served a term on the Island.

JULIANO WARE.

ADVANCE MADE IN AMERICAN CERAMICS—SOME HANDSOME PLAQUES.

Any attempt to develop an industry which has in a certain measure been neglected is worthy of particular attention, and more than ordinary praise should be accorded to such manufacturers as evince good taste and artistic judgment. If in our ceramic art, as far as form and decoration go, our products were few and far between, the artistic side being entirely sacrificed to the utilitarian requirements, it is pleasant to notice that the Juliano Ware Company, of No. 112 Chambers-street, are producing plaques and various other forms of ware which not only combine excellence of material, have a good glaze, but, above all, show in their design a freedom of touch and a force in art which is exceptional. The potter and artist seem to have been combined in M. G. De Feskelian, who, having grappled with the plastic material, has succeeded in producing handsome and original forms of decoration. On a plaque of various grounds, such as white or buff, a spray of flowers, as a bloom of cherry-blossoms or the field marguerites, are applied. Sometimes the plaques are all of one color, in others the flowers are painted. This decoration is not flat, but by careful undercutting flowers and buds modeled from the original forms, stand out from the background of the plate. A great many objects, such as eggs used for bonbonniers or lady's toilets, may be seen in Juliano ware, decorated in the same way. The test of the excellence of the prime material can be generally appreciated in the biscuit, and such as were examined were very good. The production of this ware must find ready purchasers among the many who now devote their time to decorating china, as the designs which are to be produced are thereby greatly facilitated. It may be remembered how, some four years ago, a certain series of rather crude Greek and Roman forms of red pottery were put on the market. This was the first step. The Juliano ware shows most markedly the rapid advance made in ceramic art in this country.

SERVICES FOR THE RUSSIAN EMPEROR.

At the little chapel of the Russian Legation, on Second-avenue, the Twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession to the throne of all the Russias of the Czar Alexander Nicolaiwitch was celebrated yesterday morning by appropriate services, commencing at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Father Nicolas Bjerring conducted the services, and was assisted by a Russian choir. The liturgy of St. Chrysostom was sung, in which prayers were said for the Emperor and the whole imperial house, and for the Russian Army and Navy "that God would fight on their side and subdue under their feet every enemy and adversary." Another prayer was said "for strength, victory, long and sole rule, health and salvation for the pious and divinely-preserved Emperor Alexander Nicolaiwitch," and at the end of the liturgy other prayers were offered up for him and for the President of the United States. The "Te Deum Laudamus" closed the service. In accordance with the rule of the Greek Church, which permits the services to be said in the language of the people, all the prayers, &c., were said in the Slavonic tongue. Among those present on the occasion were Baron Flaviano De Ribbikita, Russian Minister to the United States, and Mme. Ribbikita; Mr. Kartenbach, Russian Consul-General in New-York, and Mme. Kartenbach; Mr. Stoughton, Russian Vice-Consul, and Mme. Stoughton. These officers appeared in full-dress uniform, wearing their particular decorations. Among the others present were Mr. Stoughton, ex-Minister to Russia, and Mrs. Stoughton; Commodore Baldwin, United States Navy, and Mrs. Baldwin, and several officers of the United States Army and Navy. Very many ladies, besides those named, were in the congregation.

FIRE IN SEVENTH-AVENUE.

A FLIMSY FACTORY DESTROYED AND ADJACENT BUILDINGS DAMAGED — LOSS, $100,000.

Shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning, a fire was discovered in the five-story brick factory of flimsy construction at Nos. 332 to 340 Seventh-avenue, occupied by several firms engaged in the manufacture of packing-boxes and cases for sewing-machines, Washington Doolittle, employed at T. M. Stewart's carpet-cleaning factory, No. 326 Seventh-avenue, saw flames coming from the basement of Farnham C. Comstock's portion of the building, known as No. 340 Seventh-avenue. He ran to a man who had a fire key, and the signal, No. 438, was sent out. Engines were immediately on the ground, and two other alarms were sent out; they brought Chief Bates, Assistant Chief Shay, the three Fire Commissioners, and Inspector Dilks, with a large force from the Sixteenth, Twenty-ninth, and Twentieth Precincts. After the first alarm was given, K. E. Decasey, a Cuban employed as engineer in the building in which the fire originated, was dragged out of the engine-room. His clothes were on fire and he was rolled in the gutter to extinguish the flames; then he was carried to the Twenty-ninth Precinct Station-house, and from there to Bellevue Hospital. He was seriously burned on the back and arms.

When Chief Bates arrived, the fire had traveled through the factory, and was bursting through the roof. The building was filled with manufactured and raw wood, and there was a great deal of varnish in stock, so that the flames were fierce and uncontrollable. The burning building formed the south-west corner of Seventh-avenue and Twenty-ninth-street. West of it was the enormous factory of F. Beck & Co., manufacturers of paper-hangings, Nos. 206 and 208 West Twenty-ninth-street, six-story buildings, running back into Twenty-eighth-street. South of the corner buildings was the factory of the Domestic Sewing-machine Company, Nos. 328 and 330 Seventh-avenue, where their cases and other woodwork were made. No. 326 was occupied by T. M. Stewart, carpet-cleaner. Nos. 322 and 324, at the corner of Twenty-eighth-street and Seventh-avenue, were occupied by the Washington Steam Laundry, the Columbia Carspring Company, J. Schlag, scissors-grinder, and Cloomer & Pryibil, makers of wooden models and patterns. All these buildings were not constructed so as to be fire-proof, and at 10:45 o'clock, when the Domestic Sewing-machine Company's building caught fire, the walls of the corner factory having fallen, Chief Bates sent out the ominous signal known as the "three alarm," which brought to the ground the engines and apparatus which swelled the number of appliances for extinguishing the fire to 22 engines and nine hook and ladder companies. At this time the roofs of the houses on the east side of Seventh-avenue and of those on the north side of West Twenty-ninth-street opposite the corner buildings, was as critical as that of the houses adjoining the burning buildings. In the corner buildings, Nos. 332 to 340, the fire blazed with unprecedented fury, and it appeared impossible to extinguish it with water, so that the safety of the buildings north of Twenty-ninth-street and east of Seventh-avenue might be assured. Hoses caught fire in West Twenty-ninth-street, although they were constantly drenched, and one house on Seventh-avenue was on fire several times. The Domestic Sewing-machine Company's buildings were swept away by 10 o'clock, but at that moment some of the inner walls of the factory fell, affording an opportunity for the firemen to play at the centre of the disaster, and at 11:10 o'clock the fire was stopped at Stewart's building, and under control.

Much of the success of the firemen was due to a new apparatus by which four engines can feed one nozzle of 1¾ inches. Engines Nos. 1, 2, 21, and 26 fed the nozzle through a quadruple attachment, and a stream was obtained which threw water in great volume and with tremendous force a distance of 250 feet. While the fire was in progress, Terence Walsh, of No. 340 West Thirty-eighth-street, was run over by a grocer's wagon as the fire lines, and received serious injuries. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital. There were about 125 to 140 hands in the Domestic Sewing-machine Company's buildings, and about 100 workmen in the corner factories, all of whom, although in great peril, got out safely. The disaster is ascribed to shavings igniting in the boiler-room of No. 340 Seventh-avenue.

The following are the estimated losses:

On buildings Nos. 328 to 340 Seventh-avenue, owned by Celia L. Weston, $40,000; insured for $38,000 in various companies.

On buildings Nos. 342 Seventh-avenue, 203 and 205 West Twenty-ninth-street, and 333 Seventh-avenue—all scorched, and all but the last damaged by falling walls—$1,200.

Farnham & Comstock, cabinet-makers, No. 340 Seventh-avenue, $27,000.

F. F. French, packing-cases, in same building, $6,000.

Domestic Sewing-machine Company, Nos. 328 and 330 Seventh-avenue, $20,000; insured for a like amount. The Weed Sewing-machine Company's loss is included in this estimate.

F. Beck & Co., Nos. 206 and 208 West Twenty-ninth-street, damage to stock by water, $6,000; to building, $500.

T. M. Stewart, carpet-cleaning, No. 326 Seventh-avenue. Loss, only by water, estimated at $650.

These estimates place the total loss at $99,350. Two hundred dollars will cover minor losses in Nos. 322 and 324 Seventh-avenue.

A RIVER THIEF SHOT.

THE MATE OF THE BARK BELGIUM UNDER ARREST.

Soon after 12 o'clock yesterday morning Peter Mathews, second mate of the British bark Belgium, of Nova Scotia, now lying at the foot of Smith-street, Brooklyn, noticed two men in a small boat rowing about suspiciously near to the vessel. He ordered them off, and in a moment the boat disappeared in the darkness. About an hour later he was startled by seeing a man on the deck of the Belgium in a stooping attitude, forcing the fastening off one of the hatches. Mathews called to the man, asking him what he wanted. The latter turned quickly, and pulling a pistol pointed it at the mate. As he raised the pistol he backed toward the stern of the vessel. Getting no answer, Mathews fired at the man, but apparently without effect. Just as the supposed thief reached the side of the vessel Mathews fired again. This time the intruder cried out, threw up his hands, and fell overboard. This version of the story comes from the mate. Capt. Peterson, who is in command of the vessel, was asleep in his cabin during the shooting. The noise did not wake him, and Mathews made no report of the affair until 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Then Capt. Peterson came over to see J. F. Whitney, of No. 261 Broadway, his consignee. Mr. Whitney sent one of his clerks with the Captain to see Superintendent Campbell, who was not informed of the shooting until noon yesterday. The Superintendent directed Capt. Reilly, of the Tenth Precinct, to arrest Mathews, and sent Inspector Waddy to make an investigation. The Inspector found traces of blood on the deck of the Belgium, but could learn nothing further of the case. Men were grappling all day yesterday for the body of the pirate, but up to a late hour it had not been found. It is just possible that the wounded man tumbled into the waiting boat of a companion and was rowed away in the darkness. Mathews is held pending a further investigation.

HOW A CLERK LEARNED BOOK-KEEPING.

Four years ago the firm of Henry A. & Leonard K. Smith, of No. 252 Canal-street, employed Bernard Eybel, of No. 321 East Fifty-fourth-street, as a clerk. Recently they missed pieces of cloth, and the mysterious petty thefts continued until they reached the neighborhood of $1,000. The firm began to suspect, at last, that Eybel was concerned in the thievery, and wrathed him. The young fellow, who is only 19 years of age, was studying book-keeping, and kept a book at home in which he used to practice a system of entry. At length the firm notified the Police of their suspicions, and Detectives Dolan and Adams, of the Fourteenth Precinct, were put on the case. They arrested Eybel. In his possession was found a miniature ledger. In its back pages was discovered an account representing goods that the firm had lost. Against each article was entered its cost value and the price Eybel sold it for, together with the names of Moses Mann, of Brooklyn, and Solomon Ikenberg, of No. 220½ Broome-street, to whom the account represented the goods as having been disposed of from time to time for about half their value. Mann and Ikenberg, who are peddlers, were also taken into custody. The prisoners were arraigned in the Tombs Police Court yesterday, before Justice Bixby. Henry A. Smith stated that Eybel had confessed the thefts and acknowledged that he sold goods to Mann and Ikenberg. Complaints were taken against them for receiving stolen goods, and Eybel himself was charged with grand larceny. The prisoners were remanded until Thursday morning for formal examination.

THE SPECULATION IN FOOD.

The wheat market was very unsettled yesterday, declining 1 to 1½ cents a bushel on a moderate export and speculative business, and closing at a recovery of ½ to ¾ of a cent for the speculative favorites, on a demand which was in good part for covering. Cable advices were unfavorable. Corn was a shade higher and fairly active, chiefly for spot. The export demand was helped by the weaker grain freights. Oats and provisions were also higher. Grain freights have ruled thus far this week in favor of shippers. The supply of room on berth and of tonnage for charter has been gaining on the demand, which has fallen off perceptibly since last week. Saturday's contracts at all the Atlantic ports, for prompt and forward delivery, aggregated 1,300,000 bushels. Those of yesterday were only 480,000 bushels.

PERILS OF THE ATLANTIC

THE ABANDONMENT OF THE CRAIGS IN MID-OCEAN.

A BOY WASHED OVERBOARD AND LOST—SIXTEEN DAYS OF EXHAUSTING AND UNCEASING LABOR—THE STEAM-SHIP ALHAMBRA IMPERILED BY FLOATING ICE FOR SIX DAYS.

The steam-ship Thanemore, Capt. Sipthorne, which arrived from Cardiff last Monday evening, came up to the Erie Basin, in Brooklyn, yesterday, where she landed the crew of the British ship The Craigs, who were compelled to abandon that vessel on Feb. 22 in latitude 48° north and longitude 27° west and take refuge on board the steamer. The Craigs sailed from Pensacola for Greenock Dec. 27 with a cargo of lumber, and meeting with head-winds while passing down the Gulf of Mexico was obliged to beat through the Straits of Florida. Ordinary Winter weather was experienced until Feb. 5, when the ship was in latitude 42° and longitude 47°, or about 80 miles east of the lower end of the Banks of Newfoundland. A heavy westerly gale then set in, and, while she was running before it, a fearful sea dashed over the stern of the ship and washed away the binnacle and compass, stove in the after cabin door, and the water, pouring down the companionway, filled the cabin, washing the charts, books, instruments, and furniture from their places, and damaging the stores. The gale now began to subside somewhat, and the next few days were passed by the crew in repairing the damages which had been caused by the storm. Early on the morning of the 10th the breeze freshened into a gale, and continued to increase in force, while the barometer steadily fell. At 4 A. M. it was blowing a hurricane, and all hands were set to work taking in the foresail. The sea was terrific and was growing still higher and more uneven. The foretop-sail was clewed up, and the ship was brought to the wind. As she came round the sea tore away the port bulwarks and started the spare spars, which had been secured on either side of the deck, by breaking the bolts to which they had been lashed. A number of things which had not been properly fastened were swept from the decks. The hurricane continued during the following night, and at 8 o'clock next morning its climax had been passed, and Capt. Thiele attempted to keep his vessel before the wind. She would not pay off properly, however, but still drifted along sideways before the gale, while the tremendous seas buried her beneath them. The carpenter was washed down under one of the spars and broke his collar bone. Another sea dashed over the ship, and, striking Francois Charbent, the ship's boy, took him off his feet and dashed him against one of the bitts. Then, as he looked about him in a dazed manner, the wave swept him through the tora bulwarks into the sea. Nothing could be done for the lad, who sank almost without a struggle and was lost.

This accident cast a gloom over the spirits of the whole crew. Another sea struck the rudder stern of the ship and broke off the rudder below the trunk. The rudderless ship tossed about at the mercy of the waves during the stormy night which followed, but on the next morning the weather moderated somewhat. An attempt was then made to steer the ship by means of a spar and a drag, but the vessel refused to respond to this. Toward night the barometer fell rapidly, indicating a return of the hurricane. The hawser was hauled in and the ship was laid to the wind on the port tack, as the wind not lay to on the other side. She remained during the night with only the fore lee side of her lower mainto-sail set. Shortly after midnight it was blowing a hurricane from the north-west and the seas were making a complete breach over the ship, while her starboard bulwarks remained under water until they were washed away. The spare spars broke from their lashings and rolled violently about, while everything movable was swept from the decks. Heavy waves struck the forward house and started it, the main yard was carried away, and the foretop-sail, maintop-sail and mizzen topgallant-sail broke from their gaskets, and were torn to shreds. At daylight the dangerous work of securing the escaped spars which were rolling about was accomplished, but it was then found that the wreckage had smashed in the corner of the tank pump, and the salt water had poured into the tank. Soon after the lower main topsail broke. The donkey-engine had been at work at the pumps all night long, but soundings showed that there were some nine feet of water in the hold. The ship had strained so badly in the heavy seas that the covering boards, deck butts, and hiding ends over the stern had started. The storm continued all day on the 14th.

The donkey-engine had so far kept the ship from filling, but the supply of coal was now running short, and the largest of the spare spars was sawed up for fuel. Temporary repairs were made by the crew on this and the following day, as the heavy northwesterly gale blowing in the meantime. The men were kept up all night on the 15th, trying to get the ship once more in a manageable condition. On the following day another unsuccessful attempt was made to steer the vessel by means of a hawser and a drag. The gale continued on the morning of the 17th, the ship rolling heavily, while the donkey-engine could scarcely keep her free of water. If the pumps had been worked by hand the crew would long before have given out from exhaustion, and the vessel would have filled. On the 18th one of the spare spars was cut up in lengths for a rope rudder, and while part of the crew were engaged at this, others were sawing up spars for fuel, while the remainder of the seamen were making repairs. Next day the steam was blown from the boiler, in order to clean it out, and in the meantime the pumps were worked by hand, but the leak gained on the men steadily. After the boiler had been cleaned the engines were again set going, but, as there was now nothing but wood to burn, they did not work as well as before. The men were getting very weak from overwork, with only brackish water and poor food to sustain them. On the 20th, the weather began to moderate, and the crew were kept working at the rope rudder or making repairs. During the day a bark heading to the eastward was sighted, and Capt. Thiele hoisted a signal of distress, but the stranger passed on without paying attention to it. At 2 P. M. the rope rudder was completed on the 21st, and was put over the stern and fastened to the stern post by means of guys. The helm was then put hard to port, but the ship refused to answer it. The men became disheartened at this failure. They were becoming exhausted by long and hard labor, and the cries of the dog-watch all hands went aft and requested to see the Captain. Their spokesman stated that they had gone through 16 days of terrific weather, during which they had been kept almost constantly at work. They would remain at their posts as long as possible, but they had strength to sustain them but for a little while longer. Capt. Thiele agreed to abandon the ship when the first vessel was sighted. On this assurance the men returned to their duties, and during the night an anxious lookout was kept up, while both pumps were being worked by the engine.

At 7 o'clock next morning the smoke of a steamship was discovered on the eastern horizon. Soon afterward the spars and then the hull of the Thanemore were discovered. The steamer rapidly bore down on them, and was soon hove to near by. The men hurriedly got together their effects and a boat was launched from the ship. Although the sea was very heavy, another boat had been lowered from the steamer. Several trips were made between the two vessels, and Capt. Thiele, his wife, and 18 men were transferred to the Thanemore. Very little was saved by the men, but the Captain's wife succeeded in rescuing her cat and canaries. When the steamer's boat, which was commanded by Second Officer Galgy and manned by Boatswain Quin and three seamen, came alongside after her last trip to the ship, it got under the counter and was nearly swamped. It struck heavily against the iron plates in the steamer's side, seriously injuring Officer Galgy, who was confined to his berth during the remainder of the voyage. The abandoned ship was soon left behind, with her rudder and main yard gone, and her bulwarks entirely swept away. She was only kept above water by the timber in her hold. The carpenter of The Craigs, who had been laid up with a broken collar-bone, was placed in the first boat which left the ship. The men all speak very highly of the treatment which they received on board the Thanemore. They will be cared for by the British Consul, who will probably send them to their homes in a few days.

The Craigs, which was built at Kennebunk, Me., in 1861, was formerly the ship Cheltenham, but her name was changed when Cuthbert & Co., of Greenock, her last owners, purchased her. She measured 1,148 tons. A dispatch from London has been received stating that the steam-ship Teutonia, Capt. Gilgeday, now at Liverpool, from New-Orleans, fell in with The Craigs afterwhe had been abandoned. A prize crew of 12 men from the steamer boarded the ship, which they hoped to bring into port.

The steam-ship Alhambra, which arrived from Halifax yesterday, left that port for Cow Bay on Feb. 17. The entrance of Cow Bay, Cape Breton, was filled with ice on the next day, when the steamer attempted to enter it. During the following night it was very dark and foggy, and the vessel became surrounded by drifting ice, and for safety Capt. McElhenny decided to head out to sea. At noon on the 19th the fog cleared away, but the ship was still surrounded by heavy ice, through which it was impossible for her to make her way. The wind was from the south-west, and she drifted before it, fast locked in the ice. The wind and current afterward came from northward, and the Alhambra drifted in the opposite direction. For six days she drifted before the variable winds, but at daylight on the 24th the ice began to scatter and sail was made. Open water was reached about 50 miles south-east of Scatterie, and on the following day Halifax was reached. The Alhambra was supplied with provisions for a month and there was plenty of coal on board, so that no great anxiety was felt by the passengers and crew.

THE ART MUSEUM TO BE OPENED.

Surprise has been expressed that the Metropolitan Museum of Art should remain closed for so long a period after its definite removal from the Fourteenth-street building to Central Park. Affairs being now propitious to the exhibition of art treasures, the Trustees of the Metropolitan have determined to open the new building on Tuesday, the 30th of March. In order fitly to inaugurate the picture galleries, they desire to place in them a choice collection of paintings. There are four galleries, one of which will be filled with the pictures already owned by the Museum. In the other three they desire to bring together not only choice specimens of foreign art, but a representative collection of the works of American artists. It is also intended to have a loan collection of objects of art, bronzes, porcelains, enamels, silver, textile fabrics, &c., and for which an ample supply of suitable cases has been provided. The matter has been placed in the hands of a committee, the members of which are as follows: Robert Gordon, Chairman; H. G. Marquand, F. S. Church, Robert Hoe, Jr., Richard Butler, W. L. Andrews, Charles S. Smith, J. W. Pinchot, Samuel Colman, R. Swain Gifford, J. D. Smillie, H. W. Robbins, F. Waller, S. P. Avery, Secretary. The galleries are well lighted and adapted for the purpose in view, and, as the whole building is fire-proof and the cases thoroughly secure, watchmen are employed day and night so that owners of valuable pictures and objects of art will have every assurance of the safety of their property. The 20th of March is the latest date for delivery of loan objects. The circular of the museum is signed by John Taylor Johnston as President, and L. P. Di Cesnola, as Director. Persons willing to loan objects of art are requested to notify Mr. S. P. Avery, No. 86 Fifth-avenue.

GEN. SYKES'S LAST WILL.

MOST OF HIS PROPERTY LEFT TO HIS CHILDREN.

The late Major-Gen. George Sykes, United States Army, Colonel of the Twentieth Infantry, made and executed his will disposing of his estate at Fort Brown, Texas, on Nov. 4, 1879, and the document was offered for probate yesterday in the Surrogate's office in this City. The will is throughout in the handwriting of Gen. Sykes, and is drawn in 10 paragraphs. It opens with this declaration: "Being, so far as I know, perfectly sound in mind, if not in body, and reflecting upon the uncertainty of life, I make this will, to be faithfully and religiously observed by my Executor." He first provides that the moneys realized from his life insurance policies shall be divided into three equal parts, one part thereof to be paid to each of his sons, George and Macrae Sykes, and the remaining third part to be equally divided between his daughter Anna M. Sykes and her mother, Mrs. Emily V. Sykes. His real and personal property, except as otherwise directed, is to be sold, and the money value thereof is to be divided so as to give three-eighths to each of his sons and one-fourth to his daughter, Anna M. Sykes, this distribution being made in the sons' favor because of a legacy left to their sister by her grandmother's will, "in which the boys had no share." The testator then gives to Mrs. Emily V. Sykes, if she survive him, $3,000, of which $2,250 shall be drawn equally from the sons' portions, and $750 from the daughter's share in the general estate. To this bequest he adds this explanatory clause: "By our legal separation (divorce,) Jan. 19, 1873, her claim on my estate ends." To his son George, the General gives all his personal property: "My infantry sword, 'Yellow Jack,' watch and seal, gold sleeve-buttons, monogram G. S., gold watch-key, my commissions as Colonel of the Twentieth Infantry and Brevet Major-General United States Army; should his brother Macrae survive him they will descend to him. To my son Macrae I bequeath my old light artillery sword that I wore through the war of the rebellion, my commission as Major-General of Volunteers and any others he may want not given already to his brother; George, together with my painting-case, with pictures of 'war horses,' and 'Dash,' the family tree, my Army badge, Fifth Corps, Army of the Potomac, (Maltese cross.)"

The decedent next empowers his friend, Col. John C. Bates, United States Army, to hold the positions of the estate given to "the boys" in trust, and in case Col. Bates should die before the provisions of the will are carried out, then an additional sum of $3,000 is to be given to Mrs. Sykes, "if she survive him; and this whether she bears the name of Sykes or not." In the event of the death of his sons George and Macrae, then the remainder of the estate is to go to the testator's sisters, Anna M. Reed and Agnes White, the former to take three-fourths and the latter one-fourth. The 20-acre tract of land belonging to the testator in the MacKenzie "addition" to the City of St. Louis, shall not be divided or sold at least until his son Macrae attains his majority, and a similar piece of property in St. Paul, Minn., and the decedent's house and lot in this City are to be similarly held intact, with a view to their future appreciation in value. He finally appoints his friend, Col. Bates, as executor without bonds. The witnesses to the execution of the will appear to have been T. W. Lord and John P. Rodman, United States Army, but there is no attestation clause appended. The affidavits of Messrs. Lord and Rodman accompany the will, in which they aver that the decedent executed the will in their presence, and declared it to be his will and asked them to witness it, and that they did so witness it in the presence of the testator and of each other.

THE WORKING MEN'S STRIKES.

CABINET AND PIANO MAKERS STILL HOLDING OUT.

Herrmann's striking cabinet-makers were feeling more confident yesterday, because Mr. Herrmann had said that, if the men held out until the 20th of the month, he would have to give in to their demands. Over $200 was received in aid of the strikers yesterday, and they profess to be able to stay out for an indefinite period. They expect soon to become members of one of the cabinet-maker's unions, when all the unions will have to help to support them. Among Steinway & Sons' strikers the situation remains the same. The men say that they know that there will be no lock-out, but the piano manufacturers say that there will be one unless the men come to terms. The house-plasterers held a long meeting at Glass Hall last evening with closed doors. At their last meeting reporters were told that the time for a strike was to be decided last night. The President of the meeting declared, however, that not a thing was done, except to receive a large number of men into membership with the Plasterers' Union. He scouted the idea of a strike, and said he was sure there would be none ordered. The men expressed themselves as confident of getting an increase of wages without striking.

A meeting of the members of the Lathers' Union was held at the corner of Sixty-ninth-street and Third-avenue last night, for the purpose of arranging a price for their labor. It was resolved to demand $2 50 per day for first-class workmen, and $2 25 per day for second-class workmen. The members of the organization also pledged themselves not to go to work again until the new rate is acceded to by the "bosses." The prices which have been heretofore paid are $2 and $1 75 per day. The organization embraces about 250 workmen, most of whom have stopped work.

The managers of the Bristol Line have advertised for 100 green hands to work at Pier No. 18 East River, for 30 cents an hour. None of the old long-shoremen have accepted the reduction of 10 cents an hour made by this line. Three Bristol steamships are now in port awaiting cargoes. A number of green hands were employed yesterday.

FROM THE STAGE TO BEGGARY.

A woman who bore traces of early beauty went into the office of one of the officers of the Bank of North America, in Wall-street, yesterday. She was poorly clad and walked with a crutch. She brought with her a little boy 10 years old. They solicited alms, which were refused. Finally, the two were arrested by Officer Chiardi, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. In her hand he found a written appeal that first revealed to him the identity of the woman. He had arrested her before on three occasions for begging, but she had said she lived in New-Jersey, and had not divulged her history. The paper showed her to be Erminia Verturoli, and the boy to be her nephew, Robert Venturoli. The woman was brought from Italy by Jarrett & Palmer in her eighteenth year, and was one of the leading dancers in the spectacular plays, "The Black Crook" and the "White Fawn." She was then very pretty and a most graceful and agile ballet dancer. While filling an engagement six years ago she was stricken with paralysis, and has never since been able to follow her profession. Her means dwindled away, and she became very poor. The dramatic profession came to her assistance, however, and her wants were cared for, and it was understood that she was not even now in urgent need. She was brought before Justice Bixby, in the Tombs Court, where Chiardi interceded for her, and she was allowed to go to her house, No. 2 Union Court-place, between Eleventh and Twelfth-streets, where she lives with her mother. Officer Chiardi said that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children would look after her case.

THE NEWCASTLE STEAM-SHIP LINE.

The new steam-ship line between this port and the new warehouse docks at Newcastle-on-Tyne, heretofore mentioned in THE TIMES, has been completed. The fleet consists of the following iron screw steamers: William Burkitt, 1,232 tons capacity, 285 feet 8 inches length, 34 feet 8 inches beam, 24 feet 3 inches depth of hold, built in 1878; Alawick Castle, 1,180 tons capacity, 280 feet length, 33 feet 9 inches beam, 23 feet 1 inch depth of hold, built in 1878; Lumley Castle, 1,078 tons capacity, 276 feet 3 inches length, 33 feet 1 inch beam, 23 feet 9 inches depth of hold, built in 1870; Polam, 702 tons capacity, 234 feet length, 29 feet 7 inches beam, 19 feet depth of hold, built in 1874; Preemia, 1,067 tons capacity, 273 feet length, 34 feet 9 inches beam, 24 feet 1 inch depth of hold, built in 1873; Barnard Castle, 1,090 tons capacity, 280 feet 5 inches length, 33 feet 3 inches beam, 23 feet 5 inches depth of hold, built in 1878.

CHRISTIANS STARVING IN PERSIA.

An appeal is made by the Ladies' Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church for aid for the starving Christians and Mussulmans of the Mission at Oroomiah, Persia. One of the missionaries writes: "There are yet seven months till harvest, the price of grain is now six or seven fold the usual rate, and the supply is so small that most families who usually raise enough for 12 months now eat up all that they have in two months." Many instances of extreme suffering from hunger are recounted in the letter. One father sold his son for bread, a mother left her child to die in the mosque while she went out the streets to beg, and in all directions starvation is killing the people, Christians and Mussulmans alike. Nearly all she did thus far given has been by Christians, and the result is that Mohammedans are beginning to look upon Christianity as the only practical religion. Eight thousand dollars, at least, will be required to carry through the congregations of the Oroomiah Mission. Subscriptions will be received by the Treasurer, Mrs. C. P. Hart, at No. 39 West Tenth-street, or letters may be addressed to her at No. 23 Centre-street.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

NEW-YORK.

The case of Chastine Cox, the murderer of Mrs. Hull, was argued in the Court of Appeals, in Albany, yesterday.

Dr. George M. Beard will read a paper on "The Problems of Insanity" before the Medico-Legal Society, No. 12 West Thirty-first-street, this evening at 8 o'clock.

Ex-Alderman Van Schaick received a cable dispatch yesterday announcing the death in Dublin of Justice of the Peace Thomas Dockrell, whose son married Mr. Van Schaick's daughter.

Henry La Payre, a cigar-peddler, of No. 200 West Twenty-eighth-street, has been missing since Monday. La Payre was in unfortunate circumstances, and fears are entertained that he committed suicide.

Superintendent Walling was on duty at Police Head-quarters yesterday. He had been confined to his house for a fortnight, having undergone an operation to remove a cystic tumor from his shoulder.

The People's Line of steamers will commence their regular trips between New-York and Albany on Wednesday evening, March 10, should weather permit, leaving Pier No. 41, foot of Canal-street, at 5 P. M.

Mr. José M. Charum says that he did not abandon his wife nor marry a woman named Lizzie Daly in New-Jersey, as reported to the Police on Sunday. He says that the information was given to the Police under a misapprehension of the facts.

At an inquest yesterday in the case of Thomas Doyle, of No. 59 Cherry-street, who on the 24th ult. was killed by a block which fell at No. 59 Ann-street, the jury censured the New-York Steam-power Company for not having their elevator in proper repair.

Gen. Benjamin F. Butler has volunteered to deliver a lecture, under the auspices of the Veteran Corps of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, for the benefit of the Irish relief fund, at Steinway Hall Sunday evening, March 14. His subject will be "The Irish Soldier."

James King, a fireman, was found on board the steamer Fannie, lying at Pier No. 33 North River, on the night of Feb. 25, in the act of carrying off a steam-gauge and some pipes, which he had wrenched off. In General Sessions yesterday, he was conv